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Spanish police find fourth bomb

Tourist chiefs fear summer of violence

By HARVEY ELLIOTT and TUNKU VARADARAJAN in MADRID

TOURIST chiefs are preparing to fly to Spain today for an urgent review of security as fears grew of a sustained campaign of terrorism at some of Europe's most popular resorts.

Last night police discovered a bomb in a hotel in the popular resort of Salou just hours after 24 British tourists were injured — three seriously — in an explosion in a crowded airport lounge at Reus near Tarragona, down the Mediterranean coast from Barcelona. It was the fourth terrorist device either to have exploded or to have been found within 24 hours, provoking fears that Eta, the Basque separatist movement, is mounting a determined bombing campaign aimed at Spain's huge tourism industry.

The bomb at Reus airport exploded on Saturday night when Isabel Montiel Lorenzo, 46, an airport cleaner, disturbed the contents of a dustbin. Doctors fear she may lose both legs.

Three Britons who were standing near by were directly hit and are still in serious condition at the Sant Joan Hospital in Reus.

The bomb exploded minutes after a coded warning used by Eta was received, too late to clear the area.

The worst injured included Thomas Mahony, ten, from Dublin, who has a broken femur among other injuries and severe shock; and Britons Jean Harris, 60, who has shrapnel in her shoulder; and

Karen Kelly, 28, with shrapnel wounds to the head and body. Before the airport blast there were two other explosions on Saturday evening: at the Hotel Princess in Cambrils and on the Calle de Zaragoza in Salou. A telephone caller, speaking on behalf of Eta, had earlier warned local newspapers of the attacks, and police were able to evacuate the hotel and to cordon off the road in Salou.

The Spanish authorities immediately stepped up security, both visibly and undercover, but last night 500 tourists, many of them British, had to be evacuated after the fourth device was found in toilets at the Delfin Park Hotel in Salou.

Tour operators will also meet today to decide whether any extra precautions can be taken or more warnings given. British tourists are already being greeted at airports throughout Spain by stark warnings to be alert for bombs.

Martin Brackenbury, president of the International Federation of Tour Operators, said last night that urgent calls would be made this morning to the Tourism Ministry in Madrid. "If necessary we will then immediately fly out to Spain. But the Spanish appreciate more than most the importance of tourism to their country's economy and I am sure that they are already taking extra security precautions. In general security in Spain is good."

The Foreign Office has al-

ready issued advice to travellers to report any suspicious bags or packets to the local police, and gave warning before the explosion that there appeared to be "a resumption of last year's bombing campaign".

More than 4.5 million people will take package holidays in Spain this year, and tour operators are also stepping up their security advice. As British passengers to mainland Spain board the coaches from the airport to their hotel they are being told by tour guides that they should watch out for unattended packages and cases and report anyone behaving suspiciously at the airport and in the hotel.

At hotels many tour companies are reinforcing the message in individual letters pushed under bedroom doors or in the "welcome" meeting with the tour guide.

Despite the bombs there is little evidence that Britons are ready to cancel their holiday plans. Spain is by far the most popular package-tour destination for British holidaymakers, accounting for about 42 per cent of all holidays booked through travel agents. Of those some 73 per cent head for Majorca, Minorca or the Canary Islands; so far untouched by terrorist attacks. About a million Britons normally travel to the mainland resorts targeted by Eta.

Major tour operators said

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FINE weather coupled with the first weekend of the school summer holidays brought a rush to the seaside yesterday as temperatures reached a high of 31C (88F).

Resorts in the southeast had their busiest day of the year with many people arriving early in the hope of beating the traffic. At Bournemouth (above) the beach office was under

Busiest day at the seaside

siege from daytrippers an hour and a half before it opened at 8.30 am in the hope of renting one of the 650 beach huts as people arrived early to make the most of the predicted hot spell. "We have been really busy all day

out by the end of the day. "I have had a brilliant day," he said. Temperatures reached 31C (88F) at Heathrow Airport, and were in the mid 20s on the Essex, Sussex and Hampshire coasts and hovered just below 20C on the coasts of Devon and Cornwall.

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Brittany murder hunt scaled down

FROM BILL FROST
IN PLEINE FOUGÈRES

FRENCH police yesterday scaled down the hunt for the killer of Caroline Dickinson, the 13-year-old British schoolgirl raped and murdered at a youth hostel in Brittany.

Having completed their examination of the Auberge de Jeunesse in Pleine Fougères, detectives left the town indicating that the inquiry "may take some considerable time". Reports that an arrest was imminent were denied.

Christian Couet, the Mayor, said police had told him they were leaving the town to give its people "some peace". He added: "Everybody here wishes that the person responsible for this vile crime is caught as soon as possible. But I fear it will take a while."

Caroline's body was found on Thursday by the four girls with whom she shared a first-floor room. They woke to see her face down. It is believed that she was suffocated before being sexually assaulted.

One of Caroline's friends told police that during the night she heard what sounded like "heels drumming" on the floor but went back to sleep assuming Caroline was "having a bad dream".

The decision by police to scale down their presence in



Caroline: friend thought that she was dreaming

the town — 26 miles east of St Malo — has concerned residents and holidaymakers.

Keith Charlton, from Rowlands Hill near Newcastle Upon Tyne, who is staying with his wife and children on the outskirts of Pleine Fougères, said: "We certainly won't be spending much time around here now."

Lionel Moran, owner of the Hotel des Voyagers, was furious that police were being withdrawn. "None of us can believe this," he said.

At the weekend a photo of an unshaven man in his late thirties was shown to local people before being withdrawn without explanation.

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Cool Lehman wins the Open

The American golfer Tom Lehman kept his cool in the heat of battle yesterday evening to win the 125th Open at Royal Lytham. His two-stroke victory was his first major triumph. Lehman, six strokes clear after his course record 64 on Saturday, refused to yield to the pressure.

Ernie Els and Mark McCumber were runners-up with Nick Faldo, one more behind, in fourth place. Page 25

Britons held at Olympics

Two Britons have been arrested during a campaign against Olympics ticket touts. Michael Farrow, 34, from London, and Mark Smith, 28, from Wales, were picked up during a police sweep and told to leave Atlanta. Olympics 28-31

Bob Dole says he is fit to run

Bob Dole, the Republican presidential candidate who is 73 today, sought to head off concerns about his age by disclosing records that show him to be in excellent health. If he wins, he would be the oldest man elected for a first term. Page 13

Corruption claim over Major club

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

THE Conservative Party was under attack last night over a secretive fund-raising club whose members pay between £10,000 and £100,000 a year for the privilege of dining with the Prime Minister and members of the Cabinet.

There were demands for Mr Major to make a Commons statement on the Premier Club, which was launched with him as its patron last November. Amid other calls for investigations, there was also a demand for the removal of property tycoon John Beckwith, the club's chair-

man, from the shortlist of tenders for the £1.5 billion sale of servicemen's housing. Robin Cook, Shadow Foreign Secretary, said: "I do find this whole arrangement stinks. No property developer must be allowed onto the inside track... I don't use the word sleaze. I prefer the word corruption."

Through hiring Mr Major and senior colleagues at private dinner and luncheon tables, the club's 28 members are believed to have channelled up to £500,000 into party coffers via the organisation in only nine months.

The club's last dinner was on July 1 at the Banqueting House in Whitehall. Among guests reportedly there were Sir Richard Greenbury, the chairman of Marks and Spencer, Sir Stanley Kalms, chairman of Dixons, and David Atterton, chairman of Guinness Mahon.

A spokesperson for Conservative Central Office said: "It's not a secret club but a perfectly legitimate one which raises money for the party." Mr Beckwith, 49, an Old Harrovian, was not available for comment yesterday.

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School references lose secrecy

By JOHN O'LEARY
EDUCATION EDITOR

UNIVERSITIES have been warned that a European Union directive will deprive them of the confidential references on which they rely to pitch their offers of places to

students. Rules on data protection to be introduced in 1998 will give students the right to see their school's reference. University admissions officers fear that teachers' verdicts will become too anodyne.

School references are exempt from the Data Protection Act because they are stored electronically for less than two months. They are then printed out and have to be computerised again if a file is needed later in the admissions process. The directive, issued last year, will extend existing rights of access to computerised records to official files held manually.

Tony Higgins, chief executive of the University and College Admissions Service, has told vice-chancellors the directive will have "significant

implications" for schools and higher education. Admissions officers should assume that references will no longer be confidential after the 1997-98 academic year.

The reference is a key element in the applications process, partly because schools' predictions of A-level grades often go wrong. More than half the forecast grades turn out to be over-optimistic.

Demand for higher education places has dropped slightly this year, despite a rise in the number of 18-year-olds. More than 370,000 applicants will be competing for fewer than 300,000 places. About half of the candidates will come with confidential references.

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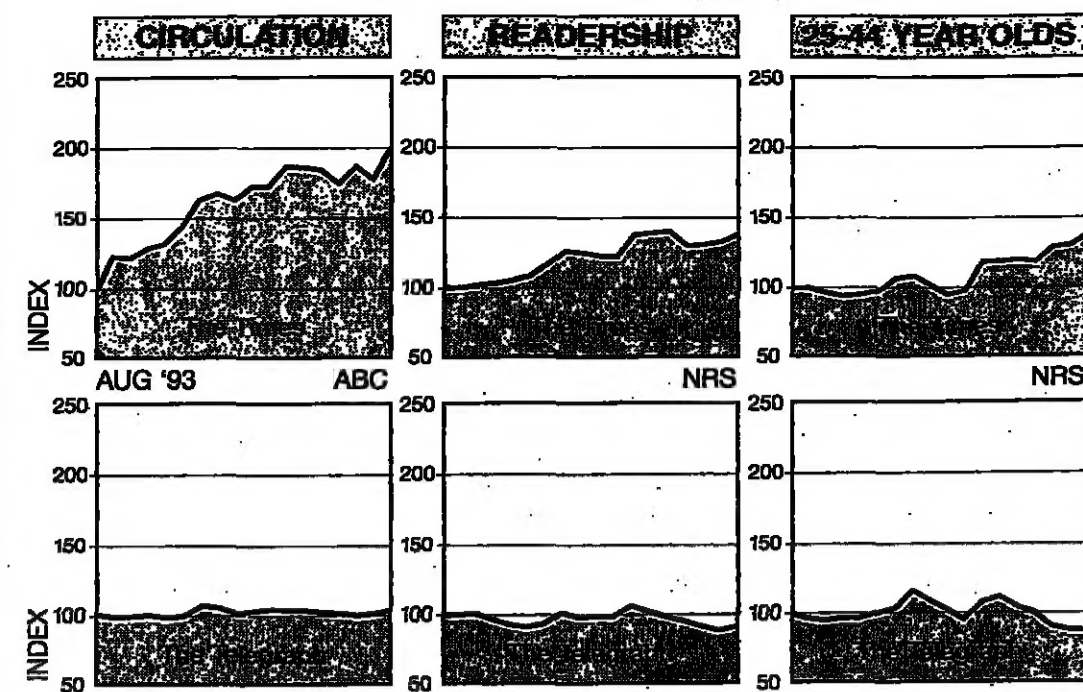
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CHANGING TIMES

Six Britons still in hospital after terrorist blast

Shocked holidaymakers tell of airport bomb panic

BY LIN JENKINS

HOLIDAYMAKERS caught in the Spanish airport explosion arrived home yesterday and described the scenes of panic after the bomb blast. They told how the initial silence was broken by screams from children, many of them covered in blood.

Six Britons remained in Spanish hospitals last night. The condition of Karen Kelly, 29, of Southsea, Hampshire, was giving cause for concern. Surgeons removed fragments of metal from her legs.

Emma Baxter, 14, of Southend, Essex, suffered serious shrapnel wounds in her left foot. Jean Harris, 60, had metal splinters in her shoulder. Toni Middleton, 13, had metal fragments in her face and legs; and Mary Tucker, 61, suffered head injuries.

Also injured was Thomas Mahony, 10, from Dublin, who was in stable condition in intensive care with a broken leg and other injuries. He was reunited yesterday with his mother Winifred, 46, who had been treated for face cuts at another hospital.

A total of 33 people were hurt in the blast at Reus airport, near Barcelona, on Saturday evening. Adrian Yeoman, Miss Kelly's boyfriend, described yesterday how he thought she had been killed by the terrorist bomb. "I was at the bar getting some



Holidaymakers being greeted after their return to Birmingham airport from Spain yesterday

drinks when the blast went off. There was a huge bang. I looked over and could see only a cloud of smoke where Karen had been standing. I thought the worst.

"There was loads of blood and people running to get out but all I was worried about was Karen. Then I found her in the bar area being helped into a chair by a man. She was covered in blood and very shocked," said Mr Yeoman, 37, a physiotherapist.

Many of the injured were waiting for flights to Manchester, Birmingham and Gatwick with Britannia, the

Thomson Holidays charter airline. Alan Conway, 39, an engineer from Wigan, had just passed through passport control with his family. "There was smoke everywhere and glass flying and all around there were kids screaming. Everybody was just told to dive to the floor. Then everybody just ran to get out of the building."

Mr Conway became separated from his wife Margaret and daughter Catherine, 13, as he tried to help other panic-stricken passengers. "I found two kids who were screaming that they had lost their par-

ents. I just put my arms round them and said, 'It's OK, it's just a firecracker.'"

A woman from Yorkshire, who asked not to be named, shook with emotion as she told how she had tended a 13-year-old Spanish girl and a six-year-old London boy who were bleeding from leg and arm wounds. "I'm just so angry that children's lives are held so cheap by these people. I feel devastated."

Robert Bucknall, 42, a warehouseman from Rugby, had been on holiday with his wife Linda and daughters Nicola, 10, and Natalie, 8. "There was a lot of confusion. It was the first time our children have been abroad, they were very frightened."

Many of the children who returned to Birmingham yesterday were crying and in shock. Britannia called in extra staff to help passengers as they arrived.

There were 287 passengers due to board the Birmingham flight, 327 bound for Manchester, and 235 passengers for Gatwick.

The number of Britons visiting Spain is slightly down on last year but it is still by far the most popular destination for package tourists. About 4.5 million are expected this year, with almost three million travelling in the peak months of July and August.

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Airport bomb part of Eta escalation

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN MADRID

ALTHOUGH the Basque terrorist group Eta has for some years established a pattern of summer holiday bombings in Spain, this season's campaign is perhaps the most relentless yet.

Saturday's explosion at Reus airport in Tarragona, as well as those at Cambrils and Salou, have brought to 11 — in only 11 days — the total of explosions in areas central to the tourist industry.

Beginning on July 9, Eta has set off bombs in the Costa del Sol resort of Almázar, outside the Alhambra in Granada, at the historic *parador* at Jaén and five times in the city centre of Málaga. For the latest Málaga bomb, on Wednesday, there was no warning.

The bomb at Reus airport, however, is proof of a sinister escalation. Not only was it more powerful than the others so far, it was also placed at a site where injuries were inevitable. Reus is particularly

popular with charter flights from Birmingham and Manchester, and Eta must have been aware that innocent British holidaymakers would be the certain victims of any bomb it might plant.

The latest explosions also demonstrate a shift away from Andalusia where the first eight bombs were placed, to Catalonia, whose Costas Dorada and Brava are as popular with British tourists as the southern Costa del Sol.

Any escalation of Eta's terrorist campaign against Spanish holiday resorts would be bound to affect British tourists, who form the largest group of summertime visitors to Spain after the Germans.

In addition to disrupting tourism, Eta's bombs in Catalonia could also be a way of punishing Jordi Pujol, the Catalan premier, for his parliamentary pact with José María Aznar, Spain's conservative Prime Minister.

Spanish bomb threat

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that airports were as busy as ever and that although people were prepared to be more watchful, none seemed ready to forgo their summer holiday on the off-chance that they could become caught up in a bomb attack.

"The British holidaymaker is familiar with the concept of terrorism in their own backyard," Keith Betton of Abta said. "Our advice to people is to be vigilant as they would be if they saw anything suspicious in their own home town."

German tourists, unused to such events at home, have turned their backs on Turkey

in large numbers after the explosion of incendiary devices. However, the number of Britons travelling to Turkey has increased, with UK visitors shunning off the terrorist threat and being lured by excellent exchange rates.

Britons appear to be far more concerned with the price of their holiday than any of their European counterparts and an increase in brochure prices to Spain this summer led to a slight decrease in UK visitors.

"Spain has been the No 1 destination for the past 20 years and we can expect it to stay No 1 for probably another 20 years," Mr Betton said.

Euro-sceptics lobby Major over minister

John Major is facing pressure from senior Tories to replace David Heathcoat-Amory with a Euro-sceptic colleague after the Paymaster-General's resignation from the Government, expected today or tomorrow.

Mr Heathcoat-Amory has risked aggravating tensions within the party by making it clear to friends that he wished to stand down to devote more time to campaigning against the single currency. The minister has made his views clear to Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, in recent days.

Senior Tories want a Euro-sceptic replacement to act as a balance within the Treasury team, headed by the pro-European Mr Clarke and William Waldegrave, the Treasury Chief Secretary. David Willetts, the junior Public Service Minister, has been touted as a candidate for the post, which deals closely with European matters.

Tests for 5 year olds

The first national tests for five year olds will be introduced next year to enable parents and schools to track the progress of pupils through the national curriculum. Children will be tested on basic literacy and numeracy through multiple choice papers, using pictures, words and numbers. The assessment will also cover pupils' personal and social development. The School Curriculum and Assessment Authority has been examining existing local schemes and will make formal proposals in the autumn.

First day at 'boot camp'

Britain's first "boot camp" opens today, for 60 young offenders at Thorn Cross, Warrington. The pilot scheme ordered by the Home Secretary, Michael Howard, is based on tough regimes in America. The 26-week programme involves 16-hour days, starting with drill before breakfast followed by an "intensive schedule" of training, education, work and physical activity. Inmates will be required to wear uniforms, although private clothing will be allowed in return for good behaviour.

Kent murder hunt

Police hunting the killer of Lin Russell and her six-year-old daughter Megan at Chilenden, Kent, were investigating fresh leads yesterday. Officers in the incident room said they had received "a constant stream of calls" after an E-fit image of a suspect was released on Friday. The condition of Mrs Russell's nine-year-old daughter Josephine, who survived the attack as they walked home from school, has continued to improve in hospital.

Mystery machete attack

A pensioner underwent emergency surgery for a fractured skull after a machete attack in London yesterday which police are treating as attempted murder. They said there was no obvious motive and that Fraser Bartholomew, 66, had suffered an unexplained stabbing a few weeks ago. They have appealed for information about the attacker, who had waited outside Mr Bartholomew's West Kensington flat in a silver Mini with a black vinyl roof.

Hourly US trips planned

An hourly air "shuttle" service between London and two American cities could operate from next April as British Airways and American Airlines join forces to attract high-spending business travellers. The airlines plan to reschedule services to New York and Chicago, spreading flights throughout the day and sharing the profits. Rival airlines said the "merger" would kill competition and lead to higher prices.

Thieves target airbags

Car thieves thwarted by sophisticated immobilisers are switching their attention to the interior. The RAC says that not only are they stealing telephones and stereo systems, but also airbags to fit out stolen vehicles. However, a stolen airbag is unlikely to work because the mechanism needs more than the steering wheel unit to function and could be dangerous. "Any tampering could have dramatic effects," an RAC spokesman said.

Pride or prejudice

Historic sites in England received 70 million visitors last year, up 4 per cent, partly helped by the TV series of *Pride and Prejudice* increasing attendance at stately homes. In the biggest increase since 1987, the English Tourist Board said that at least 58 properties attracted more than 200,000 visitors. The Tower of London was the top admission-charging site with 2.5 million, and Westminster Abbey had the most free visits with 2.2 million.

'Pay council leaders'

Directly-elected mayors, paid higher salaries than MPs, would run Britain's town and cities under a radical plan for revitalising local government published by the Association of District Councils. It says leading council members should be trained and paid to avoid so many council decisions being made behind closed doors by a powerful leader who steamrollers the decision through his party group which then rubber-stamps it.

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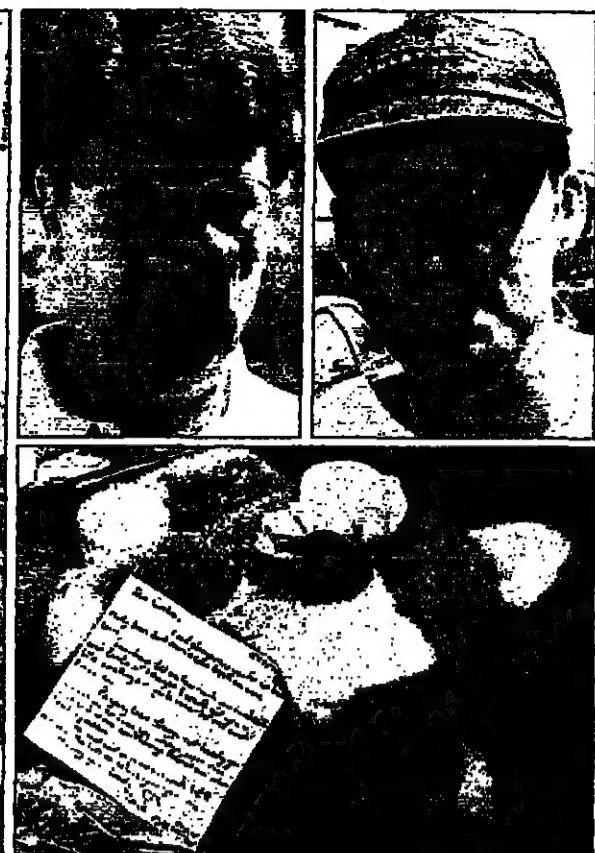
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Gendarmes have reduced the inquiry in Pleine Fougères, left, to give residents some peace, said Christian Couet, the mayor, top left. Tourists, including Keith Charlton, top right, are worried. In Launceston there were sorrow and tributes

Relief diluted by tears as murdered girl's friends return home

By JOANNA BALE

CHURCHGOERS wept at a service for the murdered teenager Caroline Dickinson yesterday as the vicar of Launceston led prayers and spoke of her parents' "fathomless grief".

Earlier there were emotional scenes at her school, Launceston College, when the 39 pupils who had been with her in France were reunited with their parents.

Close friends of Caroline, 13, who was suffocated and raped, were among those who laid floral

tributes outside the Cornish school yesterday. One had brought a toy cat which was accompanied by a yellow rose. Caroline was fond of cats and had one at home called Bimbo.

The card with it read: "Dear Caroline, I will always miss you for we have really been best friends even before we were born. You always told me how much you loved cats and Bimbo so I thought I would get you a little something for you to remember me and Bimbo by. It's going to be strange not having you around me because

you always were nice and kind to me and always helped me when I had a problem. We had a lot in common and I will still use the bits of advice you gave me. Missing you loads and loads. Love Beth, one of your best friends."

Many of the parents and children were in tears as they hugged each other in the school sports hall at last after their coach and ferry journey from Pleine Fougères in Brittany. Mike Nicholls, a local councillor who met the coach, said: "It was very emotional. There was great joy and relief that the

children were back after having had no contact with their parents for three days because of the police investigation. There was also great sadness that only 39 instead of 40 children came back. Many of Caroline's fellow pupils were crying but as much from relief to be home as from distress."

The Rev Tim Newcombe, vicar of Launceston, also met the coach, and many friends and relatives of those on the trip attended his service yesterday at St Mary Magdalene Church. Mr Newcombe told the congregation that

Caroline would be remembered throughout the service and urged them to light a candle for her afterwards and remember her in their personal prayers.

He said: "I am far too close, though not nearly as close as some, to the events. I was with the parents who were reunited with their children very early this morning. Together with other people I have had no chance to reflect theologically on these events. I therefore suggest that instead of making trite remarks and offering cheap solutions that

are no help to anyone, we do what we came here to do — open ourselves in prayer to God, remembering we do so in the light of the Resurrection."

Caroline's parents, Susan and John, who are divorced, arrived back at their homes in Cornwall in the early hours of yesterday but were said by friends to be too upset to comment. They have a younger daughter.

Yesterday the hunt for the killer was scaled down, to give the people of Pleine Fougères "some peace", according to Christian

Couet, the mayor. A photofit of an unshaven man in his late thirties with curly hair and bushy eyebrows, which had been shown to people in the town, has been withdrawn without any explanation by the police.

Keith Charlton, who is staying with family and friends on the outskirts of Pleine Fougères, said he would now be locking all windows and doors at night. Mr Charlton, from Rowlands Gill, Tyne and Wear, found it hard to believe police were pulling out so soon after the girl's murder.

£44m bar bill of student drinkers who won't go far

By DAVID CHARTER, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

THE growing university population is spending more of its loans and grants in the campus bar, a survey disclosed yesterday. Student unions took £44 million across the pumps last year, 16 per cent up on the previous year.

Much of it was spent on beer costing as little as a pound a pint. Campus managers claimed that students were not drinking greater amounts, but simply spending more time in their subsidised union bar because they could not afford High Street prices.

Sheffield University students came top of the 1994-95 undergraduate drinking league, with a bar turnover of nearly £2 million. Next came Cardiff (£1.5m), Liverpool John Moores (£1.4m), Leeds (£1.3m) and Birmingham (£1.1m).

Sophie Ansell, president of Sheffield University union, said: "I don't think students are drinking more. They want to drink at a place where the prices are low, because they have to. Our bar is popular because it is cheap." The huge turnover included food as well as drink.

Douglas Trainer, president of the National Union of Students, denied the figures showed students were drinking more.

He said yesterday: "Students have always had a reputation for working hard

and playing hard despite the crisis in funding during the 1990s. Student unions are making a more competitive push for the student market. It is not a question in any way of students suddenly finding more cash."

Michael Baron, general manager at Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh, who compiled the figures, said student numbers rose by 14 per cent in the same period.

Leeds University claims its 100R bar with 112 pumps is the longest and busiest in Europe, apart from the Munich Beer Festival.

Clare Mason, a student spokeswoman at Leeds, said: "The bar is always full here, but it is a lot of people drinking a little. Takings are up by 20 per cent this year but student numbers have also gone up by almost as much."

The cheapest beer is offered by the student bar at Durham University, at 99p per pint, and at Hull, where prices start at £1 a pint.

Popular TV series highlighting young men drinking heavily could be encouraging men to behave irresponsibly at home and in public, the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents said yesterday. It called for research into influences on the "lads' culture" by programmes such as *Men Behaving Badly* and magazines such as *Loaded*.

Rothschild death may have been accidental

FROM SUSAN BELL IN PARIS

AMSCHEL ROTHSCCHILD, the chairman of Rothschild Asset Management who was tipped to be the future head of the banking dynasty, may have died accidentally and not have committed suicide as originally thought.

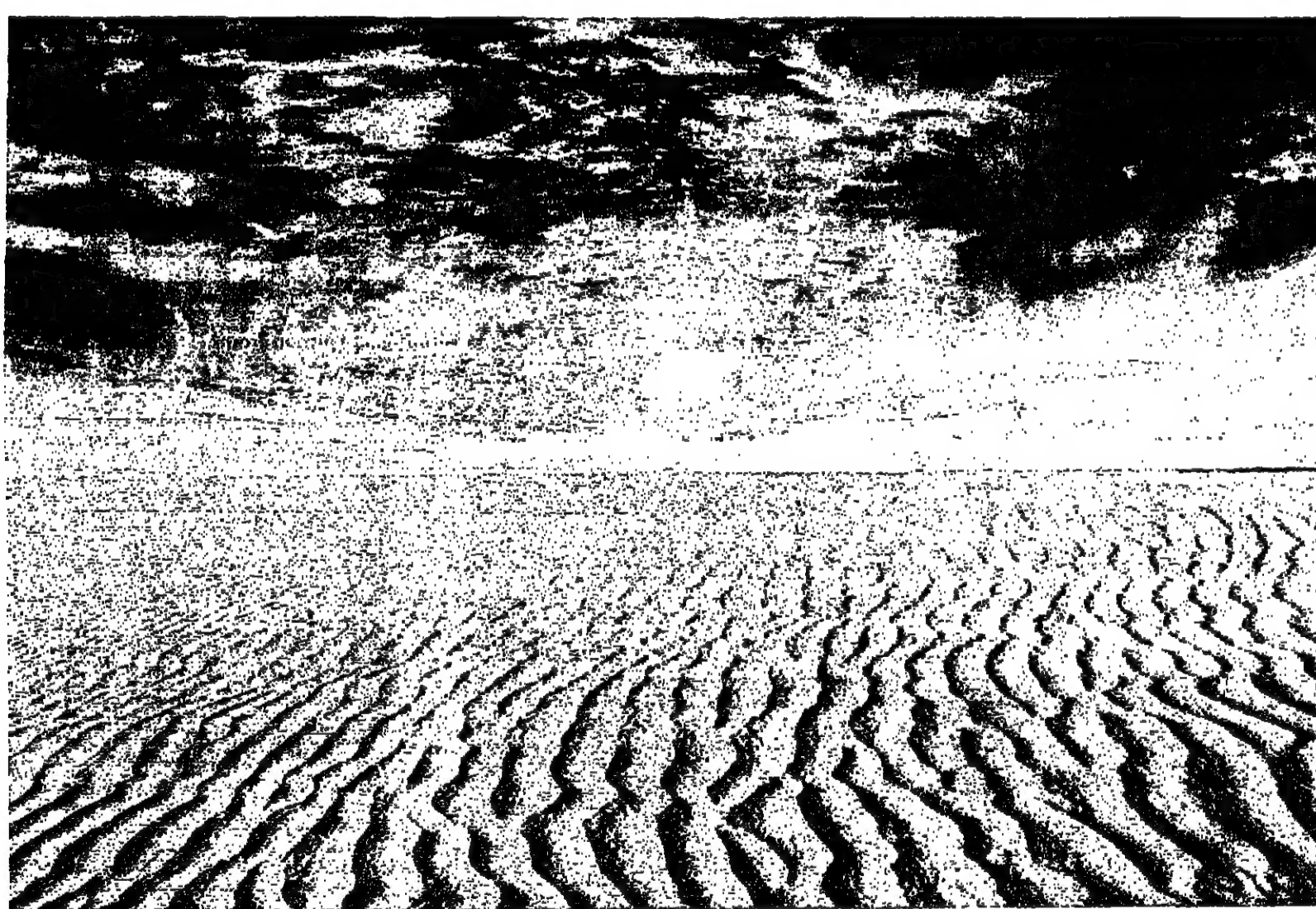
Police sources in Paris say they are not sure that the 41-year-old banker, whose naked body was found hanging from a towel rail in a bathroom at the Hotel Bristol two weeks ago, took his own life.

An inquest, which opened at Westminster Coroner's Court on July 16, will resume on August 8.

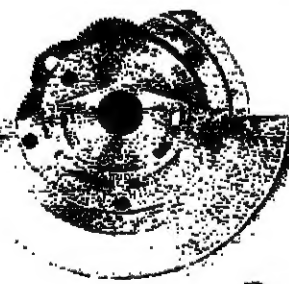
The Coroner, Dr Paul Knapman, said that while he had no power to summon witnesses from France, he was required to hold an inquest into any "unorthodox or violent deaths abroad".

Sources close to the family in Britain have confirmed that Mr Rothschild may have died accidentally. The family had initially suggested that he had suffered a heart attack.

Suggested reasons for Mr Rothschild's death have included depression over the death of his mother and the poor performance of Rothschild Asset Management. However relatives and close friends said suicide would have been totally out of character. There was no suicide note.



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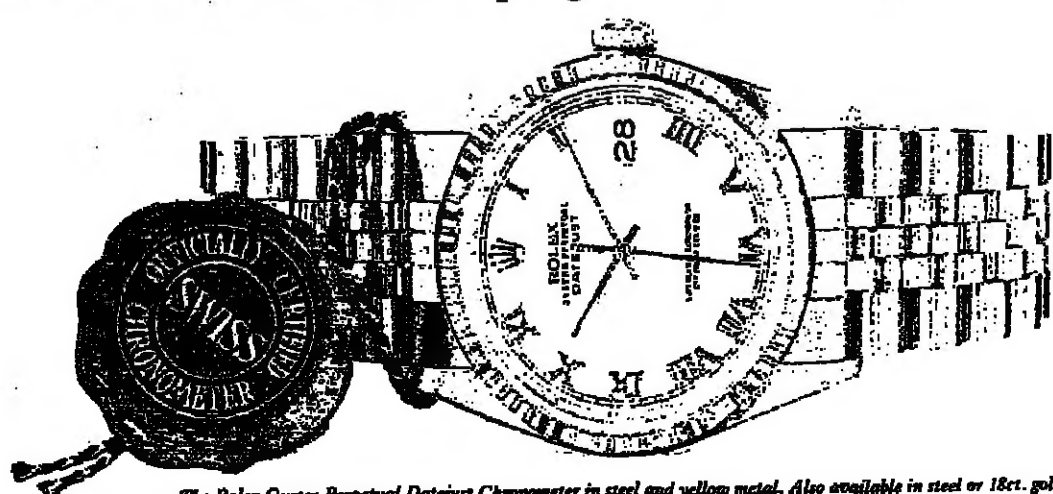
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Temazepam and baseball bats for modern Macbeth

By HELEN JOHNSTONE

LIFE on tough council estates in Britain has provided inspiration for a new interpretation of Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, in which drug barons fight for territory and power.

The parallels are emphasised in a film version of "the Scottish play" set on a rundown Birmingham council estate. *Macbeth* is cast as a drug addict while Duncan is portrayed as a crime baron. The three witches become street urchins in a production which swaps swords for baseball bats.

Residents from the deprived Ladywood estate, where the film is due to be shot next month, are being offered supporting parts such as spear carriers.

The adaptation is the idea of the award-winning film-maker Penny Woolcock whose research of tough council estates sparked off the idea for the 90-minute film for BBC2.

She said: "Nobody has a job. Since it is impossible for anyone to survive on the dole, money is made illegally. The local economy, crime and punishment are all controlled



Bogdanov, directed residents on estate

by the hard guys. It all reminded me of *Macbeth* where feudal warlords slug it out for territory and power."

In her adaptation *Macbeth* is a Temazepam-addicted henchman who turns against his Duncan on the urging of his wife, releasing a chain of violence and betrayal. Duncan is a local crime godfather surviving through drugs and extortion in a world with no laws. This will be the second

time that Penny Woolcock has used the Birmingham estate for filming. In 1995 she won the Royal Television Society Award for her arts documentary *Shakespeare on the Estate*, which saw the director Michael Bogdanov putting residents through their paces in scenes from Shakespeare's works.

This time professional actors will take the leading roles. The young cast includes James Frain, of *The Buccaneers*, as Macbeth, Susan Vidler, who appeared in *Trainspotting* and *Naked* as Lady Macbeth, and Andrew Tiernan, shortly to appear in the Hollywood action feature *Playing God* with David Duchovny, as Banquo.

The feature-length film, which is being shot in the style of a documentary, is being made with the co-operation of Birmingham City Council and film crews are expected to be on location on the estate throughout August. Half a dozen local residents are to be given small acting parts.

The film is planned for the Performance season on BBC2 in the autumn.

Two killed as Mosquito crashes at air display

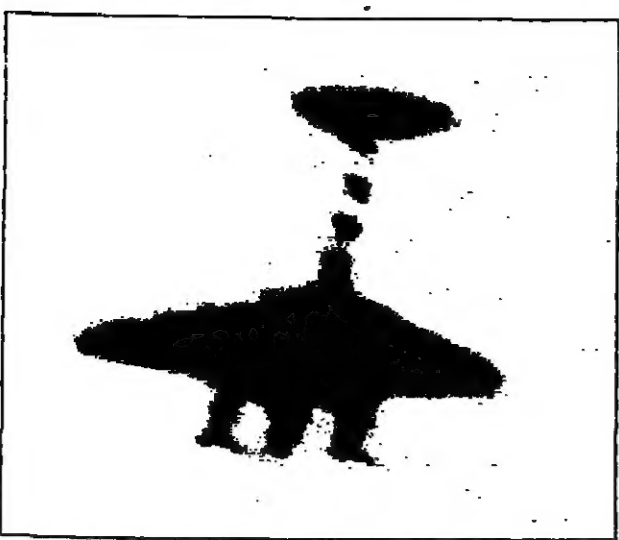
By KATE ALDERSON

THE last airworthy Mosquito fighter-bomber crashed at an air display yesterday, killing the pilot and navigator.

The World War Two aircraft went out of control during a dive at Barton Air Show at Salford in Greater Manchester. Witnesses said it burst into flames as it crashed into dense woodland about a mile from Barton Aerodrome.

Clive Heather, operations manager for Greater Manchester Ambulance, who was at the aerodrome to provide on-site medical assistance, said: "It was going through an obviously well-rehearsed routine. Then it climbed higher and higher towards the edge of the airfield before it spiralled round and round. It became quite obvious that it wasn't going to come out of it. We heard the crash and then we saw the smoke. We saw debris strewn across a potato field and the woodland on fire."

Paramedics, who originally thought only the pilot was in the plane, fought through the fire to reach the cockpit and found two bodies. They were

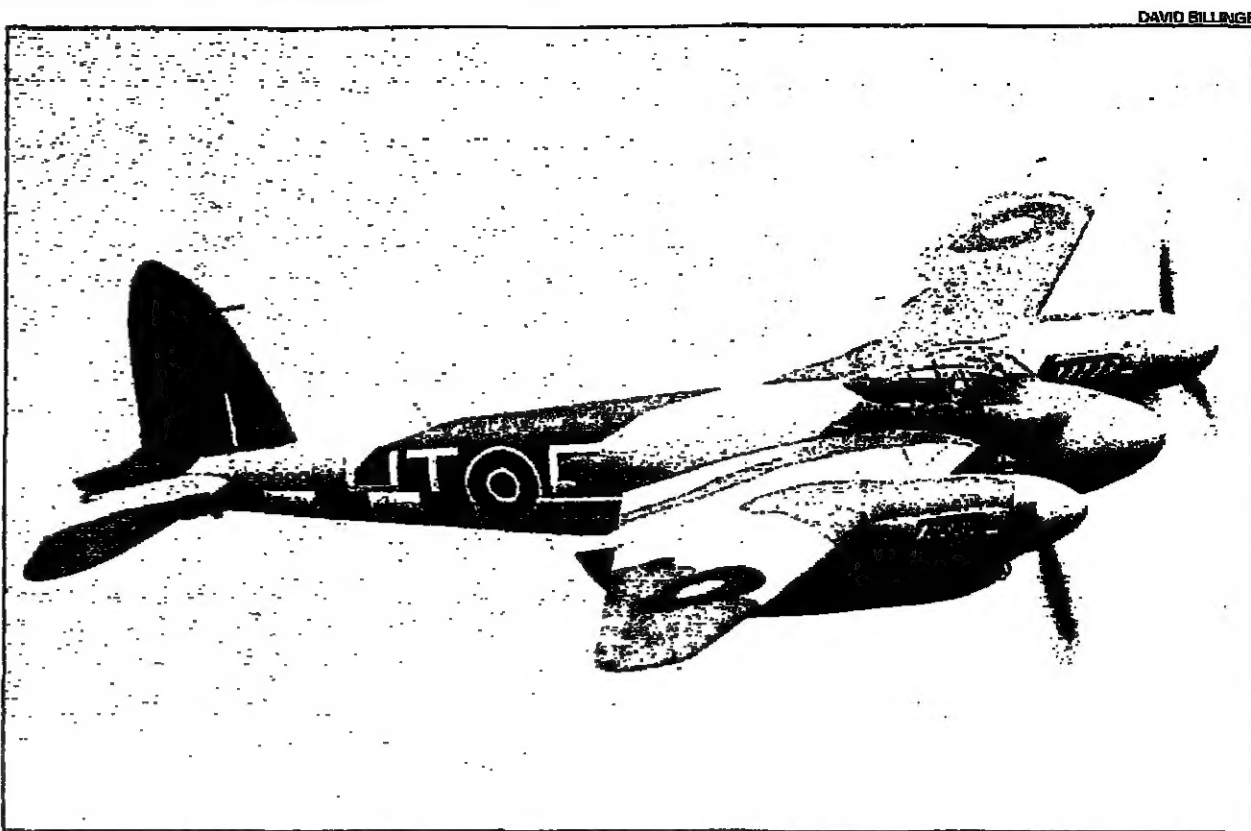


The plane seconds before crashing and exploding

fires, as well as wing walkers. Spectators said the 50-year-old Mosquito, owned by British Aerospace, appeared to either stall or develop a fault in the wing mechanism. Graham Jones, 46, from Manchester, said: "The plane went into a climb up to about 1,000 feet to go into a dive. The pilot then rolled the plane over to the right so it was upside down to go into the dive. But the left wing of his aircraft suddenly dipped. Although the pilot tried to right himself, the plane started falling. "The pilot needed to go back into a dive to regain control and he began a nose dive. But he only had 600 feet left to play with. He started to pull out of the dive at the last minute but it was too late and the plane disappeared into the woods."

John Hadfield, flight safety officer at British Aerospace, said that both men were dedicated and highly experienced. The pilot, a professional with many years of flying experience, had flown the plane many times. The second man was believed to be the engineer in charge of looking after it on the ground.

Mr Hadfield said the crash



The Mosquito appeared to be flying normally during the early part of its display at Barton Air Show yesterday

had destroyed an important piece of aviation history. "It is the loss of a unique aircraft" — the last flying example of its type in Britain. The wreckage would now be recovered and examined to discover what could have caused it to crash.

The De Havilland Mosquito was known for its speed and provided an invaluable service during World War Two on photo reconnaissance missions and as a leader plane for squadrons of Lancaster and Halifax bombers.

Made of balsa wood and known affectionately as "the wooden wonder", it was regarded as one of the most versatile military aircraft, used as a day and night fighter, a bomber, and a torpedo-bomber as well as for reconnaissance.

Three brothers who booked a flight with the Airbourne Flying School in Bourne-mouth, Dorset, in a light aircraft had a lucky escape when the plane got caught in trees at the end of the runway.

William, Adrian and Ian Johnson, who were returning home to the Isle of Wight, found themselves perched 30ft above the ground and, together with the pilot, had to climb down a tree to safety. They later hired a car to get home.

Tourists hurt in Highlands bus crash

By A STAFF REPORTER

FORTY-nine people were injured, three seriously, when a holiday coach carrying elderly tourists plunged down an embankment and overturned near Loch Lomond yesterday.

One 70-year-old man severed his arm in the accident at Arden in Strathclyde and was flown by air ambulance to the Southern General Hospital in Glasgow. A number of people scrambled free through a roof hatch on the vehicle's roof and five passengers were pulled to safety by firefighters.

Police said the accident happened as the coach drove south along the A82 road with 51 passengers, most of them from Northern Ireland, after a tour of the Highlands. No other vehicle was involved.

Chief Superintendent Kenneth McInnes, of Strathclyde Police, said the coach was owned by the company Highland Heritage.

The coach left the north-bound carriageway and toppled on its side down a slight embankment into a field. Road conditions were good and not busy, he said.

He said the driver of the coach, who was not seriously injured, had taken a breath test, which was negative.

Gang fight disrupts Channel crossing

By TIM JONES

A CHANNEL ferry captain kept a dozen drunken teenagers locked on the bridge of his ship yesterday after a gang fight.

The youths started running battles on deck shortly after the *Stena Normandy* left Southampton for Cherbourg on Saturday evening. Captain George Hellier and crew members escorted the youths to the bridge where they were told to behave. They were prevented from disembarking when the ship docked.

As it headed back to its home port yesterday, the youths again started fighting on the bridge. In spite of his warnings, they continued to brawl and Captain Hellier radioed ahead to ask Hampshire Police force officers to meet his ship.

Eight police officers ordered the youths to remain on the bridge until all the other passengers had gone before escorting them to the dock side.

At 8am yesterday about eight members of the opposing gangs gathered outside a Southampton nightclub where they resumed hostilities. Two youths were arrested.

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Treasure hunt for cannon that carved out new Europe

By Nick Nuttall, Environment Correspondent

A SHIPWRECK found at the bottom of the Baltic contains a treasure trove that will take British and Scandinavian archaeologists back to the dawn of modern Europe. The discovery is thought to include the biggest haul of early 16th-century naval cannon which helped monarchs to found their nation states.

The 75ft wreck, which is 20

fathoms down and well preserved, is believed to be Sweden's *Konig Kravel*, a rare example of a new ship-building technology that was sweeping Europe, enabling royal navies to carry more armaments. A similar design was later used by Henry VIII to build ships such as the *Mary Rose*.

A team of 20, including

divers, is returning to the wreck next week. One of the expedition's leaders is Jonathan Adams, an archaeologist at Southampton, who also worked on the 1982 recovery of the *Mary Rose* in the Channel. Yesterday he said that only about seven wrought-iron cannon were found with Henry's flagship, while at least a dozen were identified in an initial survey of the Swedish wreck, some of them more than 11ft long. The researchers expect to locate and recover many more.

The ship at the bottom of a fjord in the Stockholm archipelago is believed to have sunk in 1525, two decades before the *Mary Rose*. It was a key vessel in the fleet of Gustav Eriksson Vasa, the first king of modern Sweden, who ousted the Danes and founded an hereditary monarchy.

Mr Adams, who is working with experts from Stockholm University and institutions including the Swedish National Maritime Museum, said: "The king was apoplectic when he heard of the loss. The cannon would have been very valuable. This could be the biggest collection of ordnance of its type."

Records show that the king dispatched one of his best ships to recover cannon used to put down rebels in the south of the country. The ship also had the key task of recovering guns from his flagship, the *Swan*, which had been abandoned near by the year before. About 150 sailors and soldiers are believed to have been on board when the cargo



The marine archaeologist Jonathan Adams with an illustration showing the wreck site with support ship. The depth requires a diving bell



The location, the king — Gustav Eriksson Vasa — and a 16th century illustration of a carved-built ship

naval ship sank. "It hit a bare submerged rock — a perfect ship trap," Mr Adams said.

The archaeological work is being carried out with the permission of the Stockholm County Authority, which has also provided funding.

Video images of the cannon show that they are without breech chambers and are larger and more numerous than would be expected for a vessel

of this kind. Mr Adams said: "The ordnance appears to have been stowed in the hold rather than deployed around the vessel."

"Ceramic pots, bronze cauldrons, masses of limestone ballast and timbers and barrels are lying on the seabed, untouched and in very good condition."

Other preliminary finds, made on an initial expedition to the wreck in 1994, include

lead shot, some of which were used in so-called swivel guns, and stone shot, which would have been used by cannon on the *Konig Kravel* itself. Oak timbers and a mast about 60ft high have also been seen. But while the timbers are apparently in excellent condition, part of the wreck has been broken apart by the heavy limestone ballast.

Video footage confirms that the wreck is an early carved-

built ship. The technique, developed in the Mediterranean, involved laying the hull's timbers flush and nailing them to the frame timbers using tree nails. The design allowed kings to carry more heavy armaments.

Next week's detailed survey will have support from the North Sea company Stolt Comex Seaway of Dundee. The depth of the wreck means the team will have to use a

diving bell and breathe mixed gases.

Mr Adams said their presence underscored how Britain had had acquired skills vital for maritime archaeology, mainly because of health and safety rules here.

"We have a large group of British archaeologists with professional diving qualifications," he said. "It has not really happened in other countries."

Major invites loyalist paramilitaries to No 10 to revive peace process

By Arthur Leathley

JOHN MAJOR will today meet two convicted terrorists, including a double murderer, in an effort to revive the Northern Ireland peace process.

The Prime Minister will meet John White, convicted of two murders in 1973, at Downing Street as he underlines his commitment to talking to all parties. Mr White

is one of four political representatives of loyalist paramilitary organisations who will talk face-to-face with Mr Major about the worsening political situation in Ulster.

Mr Major has made clear that he prepared to talk to any political figures who maintain a ceasefire and today's meeting is aimed at underlining the Government's gratitude for loyalist restraint despite recent provocation. The dele-

gation consists of two members of the Ulster Democratic Party closely aligned to the Ulster Defence Association — and the group which articulates the thinking within the Ulster Volunteer Force, the Progressive Unionist Party. The UDP will be led in the talks by Gary McMichael who will be accompanied by Mr White, a member of the Stormont forum who was jailed for his part in the

killing of Stormont senator Paddy Wilson and a woman friend in the 1970s. The pair were stabbed to death and had their throats cut on a mountain road outside Belfast.

David Irvine, who is also a convicted terrorist, and Hugh Smyth, a former Lord Mayor of Belfast, will speak on behalf of the DUP.

Mr Major is anxious to use the meeting to push the political pro-

cess forward, in the wake of the upsurge in violence sparked off by the Orange Order siege at Drumcree. He will be pressing the delegations to use their powers of persuasion to keep intact the ceasefires by the UVF, UDA and Ulster Freedom Fighters in the face of a resurgence of IRA bombings in Britain and Europe.

But Ulster political observers also feel that Mr Major wants to

show Gerry Adams, the leader of Sinn Féin, the type of treatment he can expect if the IRA calls a new ceasefire.

Mr McMichael, whose father John was murdered by the provisionals, will ask the Prime Minister to crack down hard on the IRA. "I will be making clear the imperative to find political progress and for definitive action to be taken against the terrorist

threat," he said last night. There was speculation in Northern Ireland last night that the meeting may pave the way for direct talks between Mr Major and Sinn Féin. Mr McMichael and his colleagues are expected to say that an invitation to Sinn Féin would cause deep resentment and anger among the Unionist community.

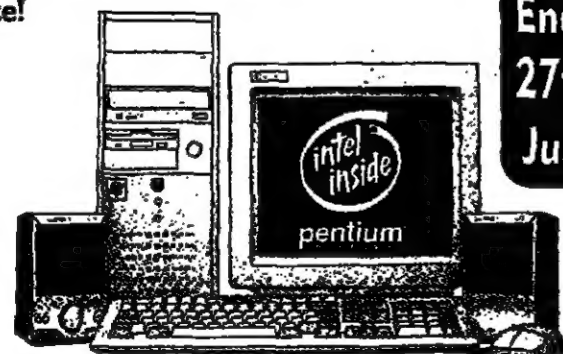
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Estate construction work could release bacteria spores lying dormant in disused tanning works

Anthrax outbreak casts shadow over homes site

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY

FEARS of an outbreak of anthrax caused by spores that have lain dormant for decades is delaying the start of a major housing development.

Spores of the anthrax bacteria, lying inert for decades in the soil, are thought to have been disturbed by ditch-dredging work on Storridge Farm, near Westbury in Wiltshire, where three cattle have died of the disease since early June.

Anthrax is one of the deadliest and oldest diseases known to man. It can infect humans as well as livestock and, although it is extremely rare in Britain, in its most severe form it is nearly always fatal if not treated promptly with antibiotics.

Local people fear the spores might have been carried along a stream from an abandoned leather works on the outskirts of Westbury, where infected vases are said to have been buried in the past. The farm is about a mile and a half

THE DISEASE

■ Anthrax is caused by a bacterium, *Bacillus anthracis*, which infects animals and humans. Spores of the bacterium can remain infectious for years.

■ In 1942 scientists exploded anthrax canisters over flocks of sheep on Gruinard Island off northwest Scotland in a germ warfare experiment. The island was declared safe only in 1988 after a two-year decontamination programme that involved burning off vegetation and treating the soil.

■ Since 1989 only seven human cases of anthrax have been reported in Britain. The last death was in 1979.

■ The most common route for infection is through cuts and cracks in the skin. Leatherworkers, dockers and warehousemen handling hides are at most risk, along with farmers and vets.

■ Less common, but far more serious, is pulmonary anthrax, caused by inhalation of the spores. This internal form of the disease is nearly always fatal within days.

downstream from the works. The former tannery forms part of a 50-acre site, mostly now farmland, that has been earmarked for development. West Wiltshire District Council is considering a proposal to build 800 homes, a supermarket and a primary school.

Alison Irving, a Liberal

Democrat councillor who lives near the old tannery, said: "Local residents are worried that once construction workers start disturbing the site, they could release anthrax spores that have been lying dormant up to now."

Concern voiced by Mrs Irving led the council's plan-

ning committee to defer a decision on the housing scheme and to ask Persimmon Homes, the development company, to analyse soil and water at the site.

David Bardwell, the council's principal environmental officer, said: "We are aware of the site's history and we need to be sure that it is safe for development." He added: "The developers need to be satisfied, too, because their employees would be most at risk."

The managing director of Persimmon Homes, Clive Drinkwater, said: "We are in the process of appointing consultants to investigate and report back on the condition of the land. We will then agree with the local authority any work which may need to be undertaken."

There is pressure to develop the site as the council has been allocated 11,000 of the 65,000 houses that the Department of the Environment says Wiltshire must provide by 2011. It is government policy to target



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old industrial sites where possible.

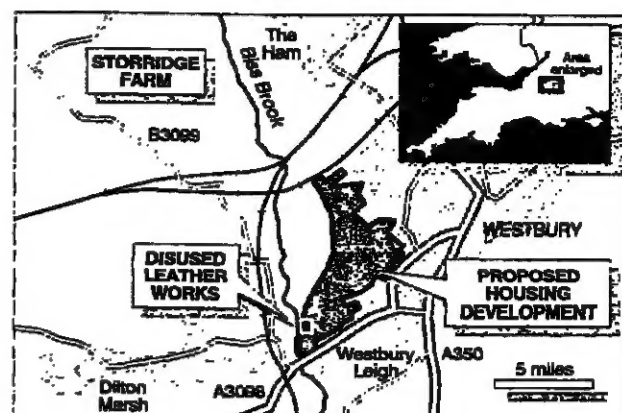
The leather works, which dates from the last century and once employed 200 people, went out of business in 1983 and is a wasteland of broken-down buildings and rusting machinery.

In the 1950s, a cluster of anthrax cattle deaths occurred on farms either side of Biss Brook, which runs through the former tannery. There are records showing that the owners paid farmers compensation for the animals.

Former workers at the tan-

nery say that in the immediate postwar years, imported foreign hides often came with an anthrax warning. One who worked at the plant from 1946 to 1981 remembers two mild cases among employees.

Until the latest outbreak at Storridge Farm, no cases of anthrax among cattle had been reported in the area for more than 20 years. It is thought the farmer may have disturbed old anthrax spores while dredging a ditch and spread them unwittingly over adjacent pasture where cattle were grazing.



Princess complains to press watchdog

BY EMMA WILKINS

THE Princess of Wales and the Duchess of York have reported the *Daily Mirror* to the Press Complaints Commission after the newspaper published long-lens photographs showing them relaxing by a swimming pool in the South of France.

The newspaper devoted five pages to an article and photographs of the Princess asleep on a sun lounger and holding hands with Prince Harry, 11, during a private holiday at a villa near Cannes.

The Princess was wearing a bikini. Pictures of the Duchess showed her dressed in a swimming costume and using a mobile telephone by the pool. Prince William, 14, was also pictured.

The women received copies of Saturday's edition of the *Daily Mirror* by fax from their offices in London within hours of publication. The Duchess is pursuing a separate action against the newspaper for trespass on private property and invasion of privacy.

At a recent meeting with Piers Morgan, the Editor of the *Mirror*, over lunch at Kensington Palace in London, the Princess tried to explain her worries over invasions of privacy. She was yesterday said to be "less than happy" that his newspaper had published the pictures.

A spokeswoman for the Princess explained why she had decided to take action. "These photographs were extremely intrusive. They are on a private holiday in a private villa and the pictures should not have been taken."

The PCC will consider the complaint and announce a judgment at a later date.

East End wins curbs on grisly Ripper trips

BY RICHARD FORD

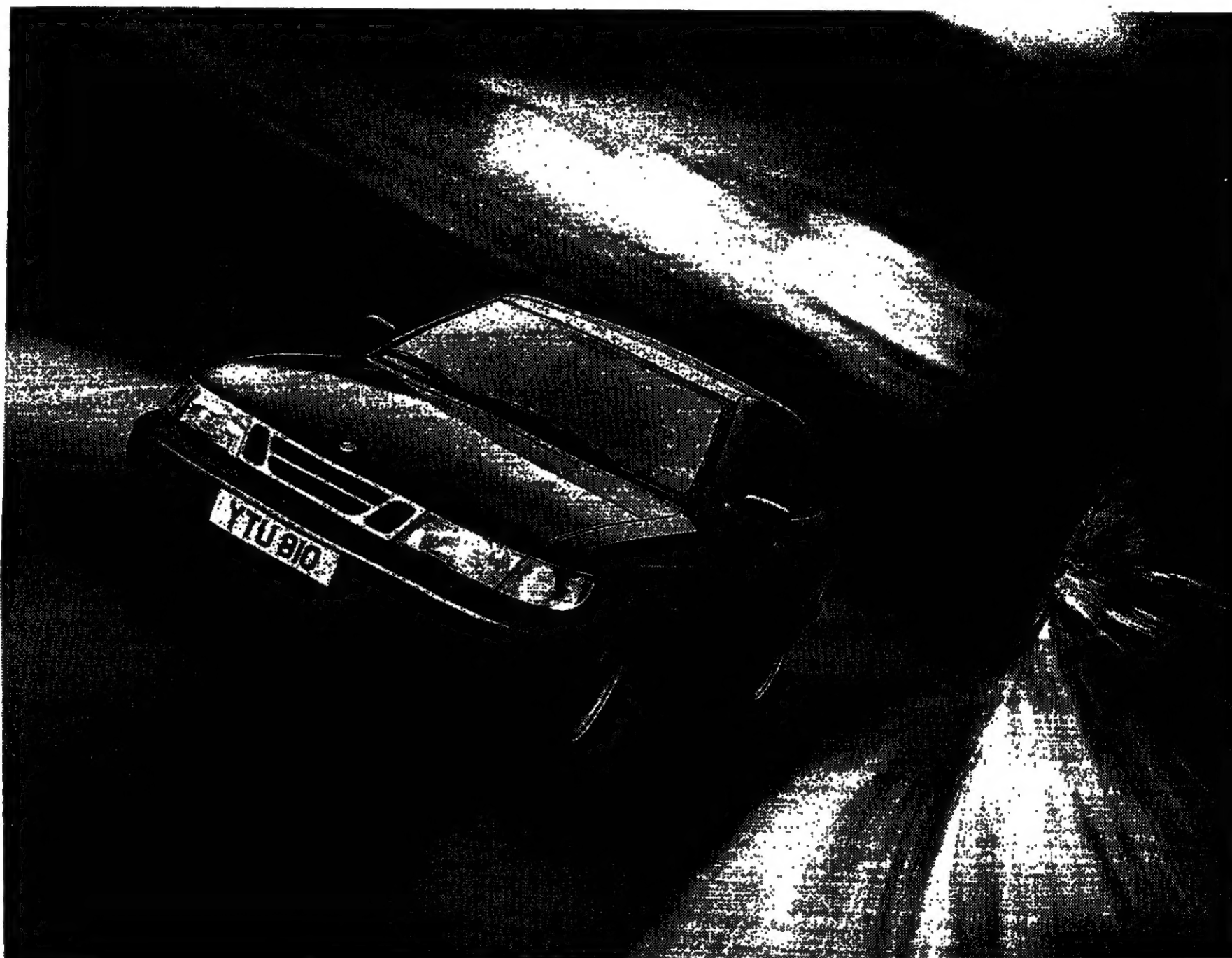
JACK the Ripper tours in London's East End are to be curbed after residents complained of grisly descriptions and tourists gaping through their windows.

Householders in Whitechapel and Spitalfields, where the notorious killer operated, have complained to Tower Hamlets council about "voyeuristic" trips which glorify violence against women.

They say that, almost a century after the killing of five women in the area, the Jack the Ripper industry is blighting their neighbourhood. The worst of the estimated 40 official and unofficial tours are accused of relating the multiple injuries suffered by the women in gory detail.

Phoebe Tail, who lives on the well-trodden route, said that some tours stood outside homes most nights until 9.30pm listening to tales of the Ripper's most violent acts. She said that much of the detail was inaccurate and it was unpleasant to be constantly reminded of the murders. Others residents have complained of tourists blocking pavements and peering into their homes.

Up to 100 householders signed a petition calling for action. The Labour-run council is working on a code of conduct to moderate the descriptions used by guides and restrict where tourists stand on pavements. It also wants guides to promote positive features of the area. The council cannot take action under the Environmental Protection Act or public health laws because the tours are not a "statutory nuisance" or an "offensive trade".



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Moscow looks at Afghan option for Chechenia peace

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCOW

THE latest brutal Russian assault on southern Chechenia, in contravention of a pre-election peace deal, may be a prelude to an "Afghan option" in which Moscow pulls out most of its troops and leaves a well-armed local Government to cope by itself, according to two senior generals.

The man to declare a latest shift in policy towards the breakaway republic should be Aleksandr Lebed, the Russian security chief, who is expected to visit Chechenia in the next few days.

In their continuing assault on a series of rebel-controlled villages, Russian forces yesterday again used air power and artillery, both of which are ruled out in a peace treaty signed on June 10 during the presidential election campaign.

During fighting in the mountainous Shatoi region, the Russians said 60 Chechen fighters had been killed, while Movladi Udugov, a Chechen spokesman, said 150 Russian soldiers had died. Neither claim could be independently verified.

Last week NTV television reported at least 20 civilian deaths and widespread devastation in the village of Makhkety after similar air raids. The village has seen destruction like this before. A

famous scene in Leo Tolstoy's tale of the Caucasian wars, *Hadji Murat*, describes how Makhkety is raided and burnt by Russian soldiers in 1852.

Sergei Kovalyov, the former dissident and leading critic of the Chechen war, denounced President Yeltsin and General Lebed last week for hypocrisy. "I knew from the start that your promises were a lie," he said in a letter written from a hospital bed where he is recovering from a heart attack. "But the country believed you. Both of you deceived 40 million voters who supported you."

General Lebed used to be a fierce critic of the Chechen war, but he has so far endorsed the latest intensification in the fighting. However, two former comrades of the general, interviewed last week, were cautiously optimistic that his visit to the breakaway republic could be part of a pre-planned scenario in which he announces peace.

When Eduard Vorobyov resigned as deputy commander of Russian land forces at the beginning of the Chechen war, one of the first men to ring him up with words of support was General Lebed.

"Lebed is waiting for a defeat to be inflicted on the rebels," General Vorobyov said on Friday. The security chief would then visit the

republic and announce that Russia was sticking to the main point of the June peace plan: a gradual withdrawal of forces, who would hand over responsibility to the local Chechen police and a small number of Interior Ministry troops.

From Moscow's point of view, this strategy would solve two conflicting problems: the television news would stop reporting the deaths of young soldiers, while the rebels, weakened by the latest heavy assaults, would not immediately be assured of seizing power. In essence, it is a repeat of the "Afghan option" in which Moscow pulled out of Afghanistan only after arming its proxy Government, which then managed to cling on to power.

Rustan Aushev, an Afghan War veteran and Hero of the Soviet Union, who is President of the neighbouring republic of Ingushetia, said the new offensive was a "mechanism of pressure" on the rebels. But he thought the strategy was dangerous and the rebels were not easily beaten.

Having served with General Lebed in Afghanistan, he said he also believed in the security chief's character, but said he was being ensnared by unfamiliar Kremlin politics. "He has not been properly informed," Mr Aushev said.



An ultra-Orthodox Jew shouts "Shabbat" (Sabbath in Hebrew) during a demonstration in Jerusalem at the weekend demanding greater respect for the Jewish day

Sabbath protest by zealots

of rest. About 5,000 fundamentalists protested for the third week running on a

main Jerusalem street. But for the first time they faced a 2,000-strong counter-demon-

stration by left-wing protesters. The ultra-Orthodox Jews tried to stop traffic on Bar Ilan Street, throwing stones, bottles and rubbish at passing vehicles. (AFP)

Israelis exchange prisoners for bodies

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

A MACABRE and complex exchange of bodies and prisoners between Israel and the Iranian-backed Hezbollah (Party of God) took place yesterday, providing evidence that the hardline Government of Benjamin Netanyahu is still able to do business with its Arab enemies. Under the

terms of the deal, brokered in secrecy over the past four months by Bernd Schmidbauer, a senior German intelligence official, the remains of two Israeli privateers who died after their capture by Hezbollah in 1986 were swapped for the remains of the bodies of 123 Hezbollah fighters killed by Israel.

Also involved in the exchange, which was indirectly

approved by Iran, were 45 Lebanese prisoners held in the notorious el-Ham prison in occupied southern Lebanon by Israel's proxy force, the South Lebanon Army. In return, 21 SLA prisoners held by Hezbollah were returned southwards to the Israeli-held security zone.

The exchange was the biggest since Israel's 1982 invasion of Lebanon. Diplomats

said it could give impetus to a possible agreement between Lebanon and Israel's right-wing Government, which has expressed interest in a limited deal to stop hostilities in southern Lebanon.

□ Mandela visit: President Mandela of South Africa postponed a Middle Eastern trip. It will take place in October rather than next month and include Egypt and Israel.

WORLD SUMMARY

\$22bn blow to Marcos family

Manila: The son of Ferdinand Marcos, the late dictator of the Philippines, yesterday condemned as absurd a jury's \$22 billion (£14 billion) judgment against his family, saying it implied the Marcos family had twice as much gold as there was in Fort Knox.

"Bongbong" Marcos was speaking after the jury in Hawaii made the award to a company representing a Filipino locksmith, who accused the late President of stealing a golden Buddha statue stuffed with treasure. Rene Saguisag, a human rights lawyer, said the decision was a vindication for the abuses Filipinos suffered under Marcos. (Reuters)

Steffi Graf deal ends jail threat

Bonn: Steffi Graf, the tennis star whose father has been remanded in custody for a most a year on charges of tax evasion, has struck a deal with the tax authorities and paid out DM3 million (£1.4 million) to avoid prosecution (Michael Kallenbach writes).

Her father, Peter, and Joachim Ehardt, his financial adviser, face 11 charges of tax evasion involving more than DM19.6 million.

Film star faces new drug charge

Los Angeles: Robert Downey Jr, the actor, has been arrested on drugs charges for the third time in a month (Giles Whitell writes). The star of *Chaplin* and *Natural Born Killers* was re-arrested when he returned to a Los Angeles drug rehabilitation clinic from where he had wandered off and where he was being treated on court orders.

Japanese told to avoid raw meat

Tokyo: The Government issued a public warning not to eat raw meat after 8,000 people were stricken with illnesses linked to the O157 colon bacteria. Four people have died in the food poisoning epidemic in two months and thousands taken ill in the past ten days. (Reuters)

Preacher, 136, meets his maker

Dubai: A retired mosque preacher, Ali Matar bin Ghurair, has died aged 136, Arab Emirates newspapers said. He is survived by 103 grandchildren and great grandchildren. One of his sons is 98. Villagers said he liked long walks. (Reuters)

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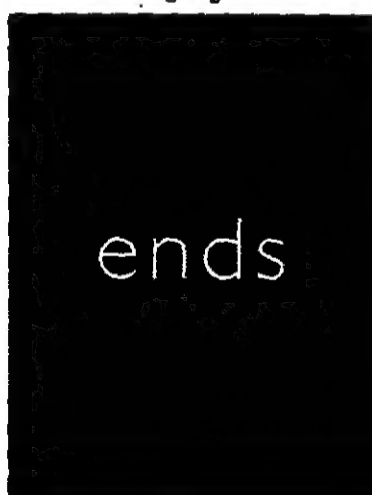


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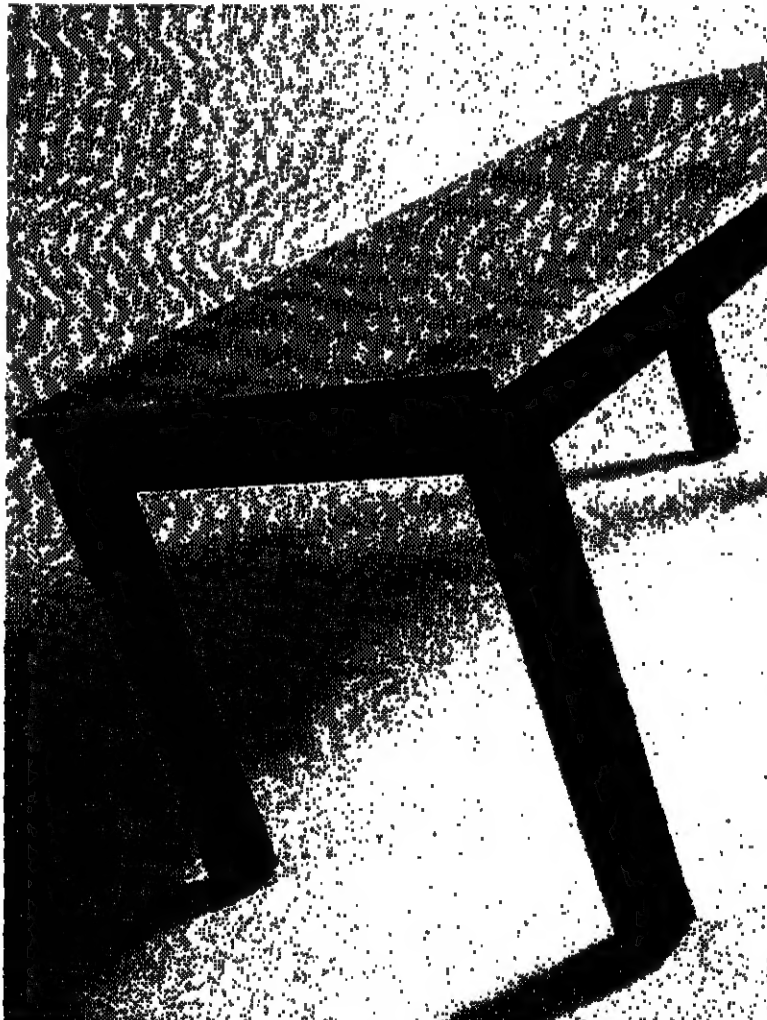
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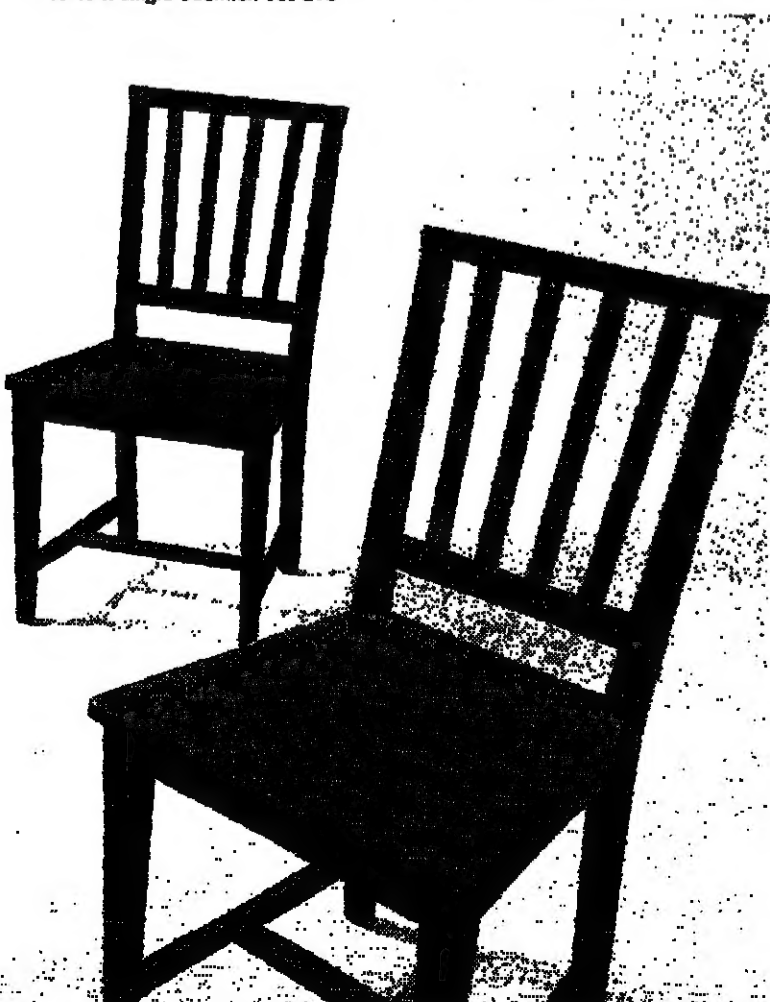
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Danes hail local hero's Tour win

FROM CHRISTOPHER FOLLETT IN COPENHAGEN

FLAT Denmark — a cyclist's paradise where just about everyone has a bicycle — is awash with patriotic fervour after countryman Bjarne Riis's stunning triumph in the Tour de France.

Not since the Danish football team's surprise win in the European Championship in Sweden in 1992 has the country been so excited about a sporting victory.

In recent weeks Danes have been following Riis's arduous progress through France, with more than one million people, a fifth of the population, tuned in to watch key the mountain stages. The Danish tabloids have been indulging in headlines such as "Riis set for victory in Paris" and "Hail the Mountain King".

Travel agents and coach operators dispatched thousands of Danes to Paris for yesterday's final stage. Riis fever has swept cycle shops, with record sales reported.

Cycling holidays in Denmark have also been given a boost.

Riis is due back in Denmark this afternoon after he and his victorious German Telekom team pay their respects to Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, in Bonn. Riis is to be feted on the open-air stage in Copenhagen's Tivoli Gardens at a special mass concert. Local celebrities and dignitaries including Poul Nyrup Rasmussen, the Prime Minister, are expected to attend.

Although everyone in Denmark is aglow with nationalist pride over Riis's victory few Danes know him as, like many other top Danish sportsmen, he lives abroad. Riis has been a resident of Luxembourg for the past decade. After a brief visit to his home in Herning he will set off to compete in the Olympic Games in Atlanta.

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Blair's long-winded way of saying 'No' to the euro

Who is winning the battle for Tony Blair's ear? Decoding the Labour leadership's nuances on Europe has become a growth industry employing a swelling army of Eurocrats, foreign diplomats and teenage scribblers in the City. These pundits are puzzled. With Mr Blair's grip on his party stronger than ever — he marked two years in charge at the weekend — less and less hard information emerges about his real intentions.

When a political party is run by a monarch, three groups influence the king's policy line: the populace (its views transmitted by pollsters), the king's courtiers (spin doctors, aides and consultants) and the barons (Shadow Cabinet members such as Robin Cook and Gordon



Brown). Because King Tony is neither greatly interested nor closely engaged in European policy, his soundbites are forged in the melting pot of competing influences.

Until this summer, Labour's signals on the single currency were more positive than negative. After months of contemplating the problems of office from very close range indeed, the Blair court

is now emitting subtly different noises.

A month ago in Bonn, Mr Blair won a standing ovation from businessmen for a "positive on Europe" speech which nevertheless pointed out that a badly executed monetary union might put jobs at risk. "The result," he said, "could be a reaction among the people that could be severe, nationalist in tone and dangerous".

Mr Blair projects himself as a post-modern Gaullist passionately in favour of weaving European nations together for the sake of peace, but coolly hard-headed in his judgment of the national interest. This chimes with public feeling, but divides the king's courtiers and barons. The pro-single currency faction has retreated to sniping at Mr Cook for suggesting

that a Blair government will make a surprise dash for the single currency as soon as he has secured a large majority at Westminster.

Mr Cook's enemies paint him as an influential, Eurosceptical Rasputin who would wield even more power if he became Foreign Secretary. Wouldn't Robin, they whisper, make a superb Home Secretary?

More than a whispering campaign would be required to dislodge Mr Cook, who has been busy dispelling any impression that he is disappointed not to be involved in economic policy. Since under new rules Mr Cook is allowed access to the Foreign Office's top official, he can see what he might be doing after a May 1, 1997, election

that a Blair government will make a surprise dash for the single currency as soon as he has secured a large majority at Westminster.

There will be an EU summit in Amsterdam in June. On July 1, Hong Kong is handed to China and the Foreign Secretary joins the "broker" which represents the EU to the world. A Commonwealth heads of government summit is due in Edinburgh that autumn. He chairs a Europe-Asia conference in February 1998, just as Britain takes over the chair of the G7 summit. That spring EU leaders are to gather in Britain to decide who joins the single currency. Plenty of big-time platforms in that calendar.

Labour's policy experts have also been identifying the EU topics which can be used in a New Labour charm offensive in Brussels. The Social Chapter will be signed, alongside an attempt to soften its impact on industry. London will start to be nice to Portugal over East Timor. And the Tory Government's veto on an EU plan for ... or ... inland waterways will be lifted.

After the rest of the EU has recovered from this raft of revolutions comes the punchline on the single currency. "I could write the speech for you now," said a Labour policy-maker the other day, and then did so. "We've always said we're pro-European. But we've always said real economics are the key to monetary union. We've had a look at the books and the British economy is in a far bigger mess than we thought. Thanks for the invitation to join monetary union, but we'll have to pass this time round."

GEORGE BROCK

Serb forces 'would not resist arrest of Karadzic'

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

THE arrest of Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb wartime leader, would not provoke a violent reaction among his people, the Bosnian Serb Army said at the weekend.

Senior Serb officers told the commander of ground forces in Nato's peace force in Bosnia that the Serb military had nothing to do with threats of retaliation against Nato and UN personnel.

General Zdravko Tolimir, deputy to General Ratko Mladic, the Bosnian Serb military leader who is shunned by the Nato-led force because he, like Dr Karadzic, has been indicted as a war criminal, told Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Walker, the ground forces commander, that the Serb military was indifferent to Dr Karadzic's removal.

Fears that there would be a backlash against moves to arrest Dr Karadzic and try him for war crimes at the UN tribunal in The Hague have

been further allayed by a group of senior Western analysts. The International Crisis Group, which includes former Prime Ministers (Michel Rocard of France, Mark Eyskens of Belgium and Malcolm Fraser of Australia) and several former foreign ministers, is chaired by George Mitchell, the former US senator who also chairs the all-party talks on Northern Ireland. It has been monitoring non-military aspects of the Dayton peace agreement.

The group sent a team to the Bosnian Serb stronghold of Pale outside Sarajevo which has concluded in a report that "the likelihood of violence if Karadzic is arrested is minimal", adding: "The long-term risks of leaving him at liberty outweigh the short-term risks of arresting him".

The report goes on: "As long as Karadzic is at liberty, even if no longer President, the existing power structure will be unchanged ... It is difficult to see how Pale might use



An American soldier of the Nato-led implementation force in Bosnia indicates the site, about three miles from the Serb-held town of Brcko, where a US Navy F18 fighter accidentally dropped a 500lb bomb on Saturday, hitting the perimeter of a base occupied by US members of the peace force. There were no reports of casualties.

violence, apart from hostage-taking and minor acts of terrorism, against life or the international community in the event of Karadzic's arrest."

The group does caution, however, that most of the moderate political opponents to Dr Karadzic's SDS party are also opposed to his arrest. "While they agree that Karadzic is a war criminal,

they insist that, if he is to be tried, then so should both Alija Izetbegovic (the Bosnian President) and Franjo Tudjman (the Croatian President)."

The group says that "most ordinary Serbs in Republika Srpska have lost touch with reality ... they simply cannot understand why the international community appears bent on creating a Muslim

state in Europe. While the popular Serb analysis of the conflict in Bosnia-Herzegovina is selective and skewed, the conspiracy theorists have plenty of ammunition," the report says.

They draw particular attention to the fall of the Serb republic of Krajina in Croatia and the fate of the Sarajevo Serbs" who fled or were

harassed by Muslims when they handed over Serb suburbs to the Bosnian Government under the Dayton accord. The report recommends the arrest of Dr Karadzic and General Mladic as soon as possible, and calls on the international community to try to marginalise the hardliners surrounding Dr Karadzic.

Belgian divisions cast gloom on anniversary joys

FROM CHARLES BRENNER IN BRUSSELS

KING ALBERT II joined his people in celebrating the 165th birthday of Belgium yesterday but the parades, fly-bys and fireworks could not mask the unease caused by a new surge of Flemish separatist feeling.

For the "silent majority" of Belgians who support the unified kingdom, the national day was a chance to wave the red, yellow and black tricolor in defiance of the separatists who are urging a divorce between Dutch-speaking Flanders and French-speaking Wallonia. A swimming

gold medal for Frederick Deburghgraeve at the Olympics spurred the celebrations of "België". Patriotic pride was also touched when the King elevated Eddie Merckx, the cycling champion, to the rank of baron in his honours list.

However, the anniversary of free Belgium and the elevation of King Leopold I in 1931 was set against polemics over the fate of the nation. The bickering between the linguistic communities has reached high such as leaders of prosperous Flanders have denounced "layabouts" Walloons for living off their labour.

Walloons claim the Flemings are arrogant, and were incensed when Luc van den Brande, president of the Flanders region, appeared on the Eurovision song contest to wish Belgium's entrant good luck only on behalf of Flanders. Further injury followed when the Belgian jury gave their points in English. The French-speakers are also upset over Flanders' decision this month to withdraw from Belgium's foreign tourist offices in order to promote Flanders separately.

La Libre Belgique, a Brussels daily, yesterday compared Belgium to the former

Yugoslavia and urged the country to stick together. Belgium, it said, needed time to settle into its new federal state. In a move watched closely by Scottish nationalists, power was devolved from Brussels in 1993 when Flanders, Wallonia and the Brussels region were given semi-autonomous powers.

There has been no hint of violence, but the rise in ethnic rhetoric has made the Belgium-Bosnia reference something of a cliché as leaders of Flanders and Wallonia have competed in name-calling. In the national parliament recently senior French-speakers told the Flemings not to be surprised if Wallonia decided to become part of France, an idea that was until recently the preserve of eccentric groups.

Walloons are provoked by the Ulster-style parade to mark the Battle of the Golden Spur, one of Flanders' great historic references. Mr van den Brande used the occasion to set out demands for full tax-raising powers for Flanders and a separation of the Belgian social security budget.

Welfare-state spending and the accompanying taxes are the flashpoint of Flemish anger because the Walloons, with much higher unemployment and lower wages, receive proportionately more funds. The Prime Minister's drive to cut the budget to qualify for European monetary union has sharpened the antagonism.

Mr van den Brande denies that he wants full independence and talks about confederation and exploiting Flanders' role as an EU autonomous region. But the French-speakers say his demands would inevitably lead to a schism like that between Slovakia and the Czech Republic.

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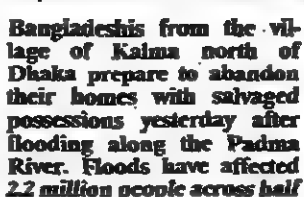
By CHRISTOPHER THOMAS, SOUTH ASIA CORRESPONDENT

The Defence Ministry later said a naval craft had landed commandos on the beach near

A map of Sri Lanka with major cities labeled: Jaffna, Mullaitivu, Trincomalee, Kandy, and Colombo. Geographical features include the Palk Strait, Indian Ocean, and Gulf of Mannar. A scale bar indicates 50 miles. An inset map shows Sri Lanka's location in the Indian Ocean.

Civilian Tamils who have been warming to government overtures to return home to

The Tigers claimed last night that they would hand over the bodies of 500 government soldiers to the International Committee of the Red Cross today.



of Bangladesh, the Government reported. A spokesman said 33 out of 64 administrative districts across the north, northwest and northeast of

the country had been affected in the second round of flooding since early June. The spokesman put the official death toll in the most recent

Inundations at six people. Flooding has also hit China, where rescue workers yesterday airlifted hundreds of tonnes of food and mineral water to the city of Liuzhou in Guangxi province. (AFP/Reuters)

FROM R.W. JOHNSON
IN JOHANNESBURG

which poses serious difficulties for the working class and the country as a whole", Mr. Shilowa argued bitterly that the ANC of pre-1994 days would never have come up with a plan of this nature. Such remarks denote a growing bitterness at the way the ANC's revolution has been expropriated by the new black middle class.

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LEHMAN HOLDS HIS NERVE TO WIN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP




Lehman raises his arms after making the putt which gave him a two-stroke victory in the Open Championship at Royal Lytham and St Annes yesterday. Reports and scoreboard, pages 26, 27. Photograph: Ian Stewart

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Brooks's apprenticeship serves him well

By MEL WEBB

MARK BROOKS was in a strong position for a long time in this championship, and the fact that he faded out of contention in the last few holes hardly took the gloss off a second good Open in as many years. At least he made the effort.

Brooks has been one of two leading Americans to have criticised the decision by several of their peers not to play in this championship. He has a high regard for the traditions of the Open, and believes that no player's education is complete until he has played in what he, like most Americans, calls the British Open. "I just think they're missing out on something special," he



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said after a round of 71 to finish joint fifth, making him one of the key figures on the last day of the tournament for the second year in succession — he finished tied for third at St Andrews last year.

"I can understand why guys stay away if they have to qualify. Our tour is pretty competitive now — players will need probably more than \$160,000 to qualify for a card in the top 125 next year, and in the past, earnings here have not been official prize-money on our tour.

"If guys are concentrating on getting their card, they have to take two, maybe three weeks off to acclimatise and try to qualify, and it's pretty expensive to come over here and try for one of 12 places on one of the qualifying courses. You can be out of the tournament by Monday night.

"But for the guys in the top 50 in the rankings it's not so easy to understand. It's quite a tournament, and I would never stay away if I was eligible to play."

Brooks, 35, is a personable Texan who has a high regard for the traditions of the championship and, with the exception of Royal St George's, in Kent, has played all the courses on the Open



Brooks, who kept his Open Championship challenge alive until the final few holes, follows his drive from the 5th tee at Lytham yesterday. Photograph: Ian Stewart

rota. The fact that he hails from the Lone Star state helps him, he thinks, when he comes to take on the wind and the whims of Open courses.

"I was brought up to play in the wind, and I'm only sorry that it didn't blow a little harder this week. If it had, I think the field might have got a little more spread out, and I believe I would have had a better chance of winning. Having said that, I've had a good championship; I've enjoyed myself."

Brad Faxon did not have as good a championship as Brooks — he had a closing 75 to finish on one under par — but, in a way, that only makes him more qualified to pass some sort of judgment on the benefits to be gained from playing in Open Championships.

"This is the Olympics of

golf," he said. "This is the oldest and biggest championship we play. I do not know why guys who are exempt do not come over. This is real golf, and it is special to all of

us. Only 11 US Tour players entered the qualifying and only seven turned up. I'm embarrassed by this, and I'm not the only one. I don't think you should be allowed to play

in the Ryder Cup or the President's Cup [the match between the United States and the rest of the world in non-Ryder Cup years] if you don't come over when you're ex-

empt. I don't think you should win any prize-money anywhere else either."

For the most part, Brooks's game swayed evidence on his own behalf, showing a deft touch with the knock-down shots that are so necessary in British seaside golf like an honorary Scotsman. He was in the picture until well after the turn, and was ten under par through nine holes.

The wheels started to work slightly loose, however, on the 11th, where he hit fairway sand on the left. The first place you do not want to be off the drive here is on the left, and if you are in the bunker on that side, it makes things much tougher.

Still, he got out of the trap, but finished in the rough on the other side of the fairway. A sweetly-struck fairway wood got him out of jail, and two

putts earned him an unlikely par.

The vital part of his round was now approaching. The 12th and 13th represent just about the last good chances to gain shots before hitting the fiendishly difficult last five holes, and he lost his chance of a birdie on the short 12th when he missed the green, then went into a greenside bunker at the 13th, where a little swale on the green carried the ball away from the hole, leaving him to save par from eight feet.

He closed on a low note, dropping shots at the last two holes. "I just picked the wrong club both times," he said. Still it did not put him off, and he will back for more at Royal Troon next year. If he has his way, there will be a few more Americans making the trip with him.

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Daly grind but former champion has crowd in his thrall

By MEL WEBB

THE MANNER in which John Daly ended his tenure as Open champion yesterday was almost a microcosm of a life and career in which there is no middle ground, only troughs and peaks. For half of his round he did little to enhance his reputation. In the other half he seemed suddenly to have remembered that he had a reputation to enhance.

He started miserably, dropping five shots in the first five holes; worse, he did not seem to care particularly. He slouched, he wore a permanently sullen look, he barely acknowledged a gallery that was straining with every snew to find something about his game about which to enthuse.

They wanted to see him hit huge shots with the power that sees the ball leave the clubhead like a spark off a blacksmith's anvil. They wanted him to display his much-vaunted short game; they did their damndest to urge the ball into the hole and it was all in vain. The misery continued, with none of the clover-honey smoothness and dogged determination he showed at St Andrews last year.

And yet, when he plays as he did for nine holes here, people could be forgiven if they turned their backs on him. But they do not do that. They love the colour and the vitality he is capable of bringing to the game, and even when he missed the fairway on every par-four or par-five until the 10th, they were still rooting for him.

Example: Daly reaches the par-five 7th, pulls out his driver, lets rip, puts the ball into deep rough on the left and moves it no more than 20 yards. It is an appropriately heavy penalty for a dreadful drive and yet when he hacks it out of deep undergrowth, several voices tell him how well he has done to get it out. But what about the moment of gross awfulness that had put him in there in the first place? Forgotten: people do genuinely want the man to do well.

If they had been with him since the start — and it would have been a considerable declaration of faith on their part — they'd have seen him drop a shot on each of the first three holes, then double-bogey the 4th after three-putting from 12 feet.

And so he went on, taking 40 to the turn. It was not until he reached the 11th that he became a professional golfer again, instead of one who was merely playing for money.

From then on, he was steady as a rock. No shot was too much trouble, no putt unworthy of being stalked and thoroughly examined, with only a double-bogey hiccup, on the last, betraying him in a round of 77. It was quite a change, both in the quality of the golf and the way he was playing it. Compared with earlier, it was a total contradiction in terms: but then, so is the man himself.

Clarke and Stricker already awaiting their Open return

DARREN CLARKE and Steve Stricker, two big brothers of boys from opposite sides of the Atlantic, sampled the big time in the final round of the Open yesterday and after an afternoon on the fringes were eager for a more central role in years to come.

"I loved it," Clarke, a roly-poly, ebullient Ulsterman, who shared 11th place on 278, six under par, after a level par 71, said. Stricker, a lower-key fellow altogether, had the same appreciative gleam in his eye after their reception from the massed stands at the 18th. It was his first experience of an Open and he will be back for more at Royal Troon next year.

"It was a tough day," the 29-year-old from Wisconsin, who has won twice on the US tour this season and earned nearly a million dollars already, said. He chipped and putted for his only birdie of the day at the long 11th but dropped three shots in a row from the 12th before stabilising with pars at the last four holes for a round of 74 and a total of 281. "It was a lot of fun, but very different from what I'm used to," Stricker added. "The course kind of grew on you — at first I was not so sure — and I think I grew up a lot this week."

Stricker, a blond, lithe six footer, looked dwarfed by Clarke, a 27-year-old of six foot two with the

Patricia Davies on two players captivated by their experience of playing in the final round

comfortable build of an old-fashioned rugby forward. Starting at six under par, they were always likely to be playing in the non-Lehman version of the championship and there was no fast start to hurdle them into the thick of the fray.

The initials on their green golf bags were impressive, PHD for the American, whose wife Nicki caddies for him, and VIP for the Ulsterman, who employs Billy Foster, a nonsense Yorkshireman who kept Severiano Ballesteros more or less

to make a move and in the end it paid off, for the hero of Dunganon Golf Club already knows he has played his way into the field next year.

Out in 35, level par, Clarke dropped a shot at the 10th via one of Lytham's penal bunkers. But he then rolled home a birdie putt of ten feet at the 13th, nearly sank a 45 footer for a birdie three at the next, and moved to seven under par with a 12-foot birdie putt at the 15th.

It might have been a case of too little too late but it will help teach a young man impatient for success — and the fruits thereof — the value of patience, and the refusal to give up or regard the job as finished until

the last putt is holed. Clarke bogeyed the last after hitting a bad two-iron into a bunker but he holed a good putt for his five and acclaimed the crowd with such an outgoing wave of his visor and his putter that there was no doubt this limelight was his.

Stricker relished his applause, too, and they will both be back again in years to come. Great things, like Open championship victories, are predicted for them, but they could not ask for a better tribute than the one offered, with no prompting at all, by the scorer who walked the dusty 18 holes with them. "Two of the nicest young men you could hope to meet," she said.

Elder statesmen revive golden memories of their days in sun

They came to the 18th with the relaxed air of men who have done it all. The pressure was off them. Let others strain every sinew to squeeze another stroke from the course. Bob Charles, Jack Nicklaus and Brian Barnes were enjoying themselves, concluding their respective rounds as Nick Faldo and Tom Lehman were beginning theirs. Charles gave a wave. Nicklaus removed his cap to acknowledge the ovation. Barnes holed a long putt, took off his visor and gave a theatrical bow.

Of the three men competing to be leading senior, only Charles has won an Open at Royal Lytham. "It was a stiffer test than," Charles said after his 77, his worst round of the week, put him seven over par. "That was my year, all right. 1963. It was not running quite so hard and fast then as now. A links course is a different test in a wind. The great links courses only bare their teeth in winds in excess of 15mph." He looked around. "There has been no wind for three days and there's only a light breeze now."

Charles, 60, was a beautiful putter and his three putts on the 10th yesterday were his only three-putt of the week. "I preferred the small ball,"

John Hopkins on a trio whose feats delighted generations

Charles said of the 1.62in diameter ball that went out of use in 1974 to be replaced by one of 1.68in diameter. "I found it easier to get a small ball into a large hole than a large ball into a small hole." Putting contributed to Nicklaus's woes in the fourth round of his 39th Open. "I was around the hole all day," Nicklaus said. "I just could not get the ball into the hole."

But what everyone wanted to know was whether Nicklaus, now 56, would be back at Royal Troon in 1997. Nicklaus received prolonged applause on the 18th green. "You had better do that again, Jack," Michael Bonallack, secretary of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, said as Nicklaus walked to hand in his card. "I don't think so," Nicklaus replied. "I've had enough." "You say that every year," Bonallack responded. "My time is past," Nicklaus insisted, before being told that his 73 was good enough for a total of 285, one over par, two strokes better than Barnes's 287. "I am not going to play in every major just to say I

played in every major. I am very appreciative of the people's support and once or twice more I might play for that — but I would rather just play golf."

Barnes's last round was a 75, his highest of the week. He breathed a sigh of relief that he would not have to confront Lytham's bunkers any more. In an echo of criticisms by other players at tournaments earlier in the season, he said there was too much sand and that as a result a ball would not roll to the bottom of the bunker, which made getting out very difficult.

He looked forward to the British Seniors Open at Royal Portrush this week, having changed his original decision not to go. Barnes, 51, has enjoyed a marvellous year on the seniors' tour in the US, just as Charles, 60, did when he first became eligible.

It would not be possible to find two more enthusiastic spokesmen. Barnes cites the condition of the courses and the continual sunshine. "If it wasn't for the US Seniors' tour," Charles said, "I'd be shearing sheep, making hay, feeding animals. It has given me a new lease of life. I've probably got four more years on it before I stop."

GOLF: FALDO'S CHALLENGE FADES AS AMERICAN HOLDS OFF ALL-COMERS TO CLAIM POPULAR SUCCESS AT ROYAL LYTHAM AND ST ANNES

Lehman reaps rich reward for years of toil

By JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

WHEN Tom Lehman hoisted the claret jug over his sun-burned face last night having become the first American professional to win an Open Championship at Royal Lytham and St Annes Golf Club, he earned the admiration of everyone in golf.

"Wow," was his first word as a slow, almost shy smile spread over his features. "Wow."

Lehman is 37 and has had to work hard for everything that has come his way. Not so long ago, he was nearly broke, down to his last few thousand dollars. He was playing on the mini-tours until 1993. He had surgery for cancer two years ago. Only last month, the US Open was dashed from his grasp at Oakland Hills, Detroit.

Now, though, Lehman has won the game's oldest championship. After a stunning display in his third round, when

Leadbetter, his coach, Lehman worked away nearby. It was Lehman's eleven single putts that helped him to a 64 in the third round. It was a putting performance of similar standard that Faldo needed in the fourth round if he was to catch Lehman and win his second major championship of the year.

He could not do it. By the 7th, he had missed three short putts of the length he should have holed if he was to pressurise Lehman. Try as Faldo might, he could not find the spark that would have ignited his game. His round of 70 was his worst of the week by two strokes. He got to 11 under par after nine holes, had a bold attempt for a birdie on the 10th, could not birdie the 11th, hit a wild drive on the 14th and drove into a bunker on the 15th. He finished on 274, ten under par, in fourth place.

Throughout the afternoon, Lehman was under siege from his countrymen, from Faldo and from Els, the South African. McCumber's 66, which took him to 11 under, was the first significant challenge. McCumber, 44, played quite beautifully, fighting his iron shots in a way that he has not been able to do in an Open before. He reached the turn in 32, three under par, birdied the 11th and 14th and was level on 11 under par with Faldo, following 40 minutes behind.

In trying hard to get one more birdie, McCumber was found out, as so many have been, by the 15th. He hit his second shot right and then was disappointed to see the way his pitch ran on and on, ending six feet past the hole.

From where he missed, he had birdied the 16th each day and, his disappointment at his mistake still uppermost in his mind, he did so again. He needed one more birdie, he calculated, to stand a realistic chance of getting in a play-off.

When his seven iron landed 15 feet from the flag at the last, he had given himself a chance. "If I make this," he thought to himself as he prowled around on the green sizing up his line, "I am in with a chance."

He missed it and finished with a 66 to be 11 under par.

Els, on the other hand, having played some brilliant golf to close in on Lehman, then spoiled things. He was disconsolate at the end — and with justification. You only get a finite number of chances to win a major championship and, after a 67, he felt he had thrown away one of the best he has had recently. His undoing was to hit two bad drives at



Faldo looks on in disgust yesterday as his championship chances fade while Lehman emerges from the bushes on the 6th hole, a rare detour from his route to victory



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he set a new course record, he was more calculating and less inspired in his fourth as he faced challenges that seemed to come at him from all directions.

His performance throughout a testing afternoon bore out what Mark McCumber had said about him earlier: "Tom is tenacious. He is at peace with himself. If Tom holds to win, I think that players around the world will think that he is a deserving champion."

Lehman, whose father followed him every step of his last round, began the day with a six-stroke lead over Nick Faldo. He doggedly held off Ernie Els, McCumber, Faldo and, early in his round, Fred Couples and Mark Brooks. No one got closer to Lehman than two strokes and he won by two strokes. His fourth round of 71 and gave him a 72-hole total of 271, 13 under par.

Before Faldo and Lehman teed off, each did some last-minute putting. Faldo grabbed the shady position on the putting green and worked under the eyes of David

precisely the time he should not have done. After perhaps his best shot of the week, an eight iron to one yard on the 15th, he was 13 under par and two strokes behind Lehman, who still had five holes to go.

Els needed one more birdie, but instead he yanked an iron from the 16th tee into a bunker and ran up a bogey. His drive was fine on the 17th, but he could not hole a 30-foot putt there and, under pressure, another wild drive, this time with a three wood, on the last meant he had dropped two strokes in three holes and was level with McCumber in second place.

On another bright, sunny and windless day, Tiger Woods won the silver medal for being the leading amateur because he was the only amateur to survive the cut. He will have learned a little more about competing on links courses.

John Daly, the defending

champion, ended with a 77, hardly the round of a man who was trying hard and this lane performance, which concluded with a six on the 72nd green, will be further evidence that Daly still has to shed his tendency to give up when not in contention.

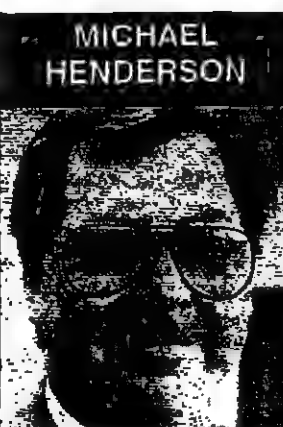
Daly is said to be considering acquiring his own plane, which would cost him up to \$3 million. Such a figure is beyond the comprehension of Gordon Law, a 30-year-old Scot, who was one of only two qualifiers to play all four rounds and whose 74 put him on 288, four over par. The other was Arnaud Lagasse, of Belgium. Law is the club professional at Uphill golf club near Edinburgh and this Saturday he will be back there competing in a club program. He does not harbour dreams of joining the European Tour. His ambitions are no higher than to look after the needs of his members.

Champion's epic journey ends on the crest of emotional wave

A zephyr came to Lytham yesterday, fanning many a heated brow, but Nick Faldo did not need the breeze to blow him round the last 18 holes of this magnificent Open Championship. The crowd, kindling an ambition that glowed no less brightly than his, bowed him along with shouts of encouragement all the way to the final green where, at last, he had to bend his knee to a golfer whose own refusal to buckle.

So, an American professional has finally won at Lytham, 70 years after Bobby Jones, the amateur, left his imprimatur on this soil. It was a triumph of perseverance, the sort that appealed to Tennyson: "Strong in will, to strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield."

Lehman's journey may not have run as many miles as the mighty Ulysses but he has been buffeted by a few storms



MICHAEL HENDERSON

At Royal Lytham and St Annes

in his time, and nobody can begrudge him the safe waters he found last night.

Faldo really shook him, make no mistake about that. At the start of the round, as Lehman waited to tee-off, the

Englishman kept him waiting for a good three minutes, as Viv Richards used to do on important occasions, as if to remind people just who they were waiting for, and what they could expect. Many sportsmen affect to play these "mind games". Faldo, as a big, blond Australian can confirm, is one of the few who really can intimidate opponents.

As he marched ahead from tee to green in those crucial opening holes, he walked with a purpose that suggested that he, and not the Minnesotan, was defending a six-stroke lead. The mood was something like a revivalist gathering as spectators hailed him as the one true leader. There were ocean breakers of applause, wave upon wave, as even the ordinary shots brought yells of encouragement.

Alas, he was not up to it, missing a birdie chance on the 1st green and, after Lehman had bogeyed the 3rd to leave the barn door open to a hefty kick, missing puttable opportunities at three successive holes, two of them biting the lip. "I had the chances at five, six and seven," he said later, "and it was difficult to keep my confidence up after that."

Keeping up confidence has not come easily to Lehman. As recently as four years ago he was playing on mini-tours in the boondocks and, though that is some way above being a municipal hacker, it is not the place to win major championships. Between 1985 and 1992 he played only four events on the PGA Tour so this is a result golfers everywhere will acclaim, because they can understand how hard Lehman has struggled to achieve it. More than most, this was a victory for Everyman.

He has struggled, too. Three times in the last two years he has had chances to win majors, faltering on the final hole at the 1994 Masters, and losing out in successive

US Opens, most recently to Steve Jones. Without over-egging the pudding, it seems clear that Lehman, who holds a deep and uncomplicated Christian faith, can take a broader view than most sportsmen. When you have beaten cancer, as he did two years ago, a victory on the links appears less significant in the overall shape of life.

Lehman admitted filling up as he approached the final green as the Open champion with his father, Jim, who had made a late decision to join him, waiting by the clubhouse. "I've watched the scene on television all these years, as the leader fights his way through the crowds, and to go up there as the leader, I had tears in my eyes. Nick came by and said, 'Well pleased, you deserved it.'"

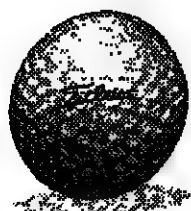
He singled out one stroke, a four-iron at the 12th that left him with a 128 putt, as "the best of the week". That restored his four-shot lead, and though there were bogeys at the 14th and 17th, Faldo's inability to take those early chances had been decisive. "He played sensible golf today," the Masters champion said. "The round he played yesterday was the key to the Open."

Lehman was articulate and graceful in victory, maintaining the tone of this championship. Golf, it is clear, has a capacity for bringing out the best out of people, just as football invariably brings out baser instincts. Although most people on the course yesterday willed Faldo to win, they treated Lehman as one of their own and accepted his victory with an unforced warmth.

If he never achieves another major in his career, Lehman can reflect on this one with a champion's pride, particularly on that third round of 64 that set it up. As for Faldo, shed no tears. A lion may be stung from time to time but it still remains a lion. It should not be long before this one is roaring again.

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OLYMPIC GAMES: TRIUMPH MAY BE PRECURSOR TO FURTHER MEDAL SUCCESS FOR IRELAND'S FIRST OLYMPIC SWIMMING CHAMPION

Smith set to build on gold standard

FROM CRAIG LORD IN ATLANTA

THEY will no doubt be planning a homecoming to end them all for Michelle Smith far beyond the Pilton Still pub in Rathcoole, Dublin, but the party may have only just begun for Ireland's first Olympic swimming champion.

On the strength of her victory in the 400 metres medley in 4min 39.18sec, the eighth fastest ever, on Saturday, Smith, 26, is favoured to win further medals in the 400 metres freestyle, 200 metres butterfly and 200 metres medley and could turn out to be the swimmer of the Games.

"I'll take it one race at a time. It's very hot and humid, it's going to be hard to compete over seven days," she cautioned the herd of Irish

backstroke leg while Smith and Allison Wagner, of the United States, recovered their respective deficits on the breaststroke leg.

However, when push finally came to shove, Smith displayed an aggression on freestyle that left Wagner and Egerszegi for dead and battling for the minor medals. The American got the touch, in 4:42.03 to 4:42.53.

The Irishwoman's improvement since Barcelona is the stuff of legend: 26th in 1992 in 4min 58.94sec, she leapt to a 4:47.89 in winning the B, or consolation final, at the world championships in 1994, and to 4:42.81 in finishing second behind Egerszegi at the European championships last year, when she became Ireland's first European champion, with victories in both the 200 metres butterfly and 200 metres medley. And now, in Atlanta, she has cut her best to 4min 39.18sec.

Smith lives in Hardinxveld-Giesendam, a village near Rotterdam, and is married to Erik de Bruin, the Dutch discus thrower with whom she trains and who is at present serving a suspension for steroid abuse.

Smith puts her new-found musculature and strength (made all the more noticeable by her 5ft 3in height), down to hard work in the gym as well as the pool. During her final preparations for the Games, Smith raced in a local event in Florida and clocked 4min 08.64sec for 400 metres freestyle, the fastest time in the world this year.

Smith was initially barred from swimming that event in Atlanta because her time was set two days after the entry deadline had closed on July 5.

The Irish team management surmounted the problem by withdrawing their original entry and replacing her with a new name: Michelle Smith. Whatever her results amid the Coke signs and commercialism of these Games, Ireland's first female Olympic flag-bearer, at Barcelona in 1992, is already poised to capitalise on her Atlanta success.

Offered free, full-time training and a car by the Dutch Olympic Council if she became Dutch in 1994, she declined, though she has signed up with agent Frank Quinn, the man who handled Sean Kelly's lucrative professional cycling career.

journalists panning for another golden seam in their latest national treasure.

Smith's parents, Brian and Pat, who had to watch their daughter win two European titles on television at The Pilton last year after a mix-up over travel tickets had left them stranded, are here. They must scarcely have recognised their daughter. The black Aquablaad suit she wore, with knee-length shorts reminiscent of the pre-war Olympics, was almost as impressive as her explosion off the block in the 400 metres medley. Smith's lead after the butterfly was three metres, a split of 1min 02.21sec just inside world record pace.

The defending champion, Kristina Egerszegi, of Hungary, world record-holder at 200 metres backstroke, caught and passed Smith on the



Smith raises her arms aloft in elation after powering to Ireland's first Olympic swimming gold medal

New champions overturn old order

FROM CRAIG LORD

MICHELLE SMITH was one of three winners on Saturday to become the first Olympic swimming champions from their respective countries. Danyon Loader's effort swelled the short list of the famous from Tamar, New Zealand, and Frederik Deburghgraeve did the same for Belgium. Only Le Jingyi, of China, came good for the established order in the pool.

Le's victory in the 100 metres freestyle was almost a formality, her winning time of

54.50sec was an Olympic record but was 0.49sec shy of her world record. Only two Chinese and two East Germans have swum faster than 55sec for the title.

Deburghgraeve, 23, 34th at the last Olympic Games and European champion last year, set a world record of 1min 00.60sec, 0.35sec inside that of Karoly Gutler's 1993 standard, in the morning heats.

The final was about the race, not the time, though the Belgian missed his morning record by 0.05sec, to win in 1min 00.65sec. Jeremy Linn,

well down with 25 metres to go, had the 15,000-strong crowd on its feet as he closed on the world record holder but his challenge was too late, though the American's time of 1:49.05sec with Jani Sievinen, of Finland, the European champion. The swim-off produced a 1:48.89sec from both men and deadlock remained. Sievinen, a medal hope in the 400 metres individual medley last night, withdrew, unwilling to risk losing his better chance. Yesterday, however, he failed to make the final of his preferred event, finishing ninth.

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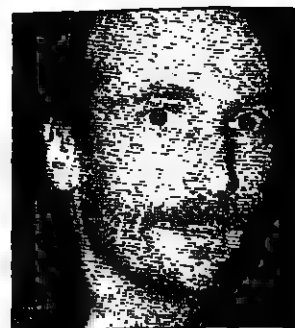
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Van Almsick took no chances in heat swim

China watcher confused by plot subtleties

SIMON BARNES



Atlanta sketch

A riddle inside a mystery inside an enigma. That was Churchill on Russia. He never came up with a snappy epigram about the Chinese, and with good reason. To do justice to the endless strata of incomprehension that lie between the Chinese and the rest of us, you would need a sentence as long as the Molly Bloom soliloquy.

I should know. I lived in a Chinese village for four years and every layer of complexity I passed through showed me how many more there still were.

Pity the poor old Chinese swimmers. Talk about a hiding to nothing. Le Jingyi took part in the 100 metres freestyle, and what a style, too, hands hacking the water like a couple of axes. Grace is for those who aren't fast enough.

Le won the gold, but then she would do, wouldn't she? Naturally, the rest of the world assumes she is on steroids, human growth hormone, rocket fuel, the lot. But then we lost the plot. Three of her colleagues, women who were expected to carry all before them in a Chinese human wave of swimming excellence, blew out.

They did so comprehensively. Shan Ying swam 1.5sec outside her best time, a very long way in the 100 metres free, and went out in the heats. Chan Yen and Wu Yanyan did even worse in the 400 metres individual medley, swimming 13 and 14 seconds slower than their best.

And so the rumour mills ground smaller and smaller: the conspiracy theorists probed deeper and deeper. It is all about drugs, yes, but drugs as a symbol of a deeper and more profound incomprehension.

The idea is that what the women of East Germany were to Cold War sport, the Chinese are to the present day: state-regulated druggers. The Chinese have countered strongly. Wei Jizhong, of their delegation, called the talk of drugs "ideological discrimination". Chinese swimmers, he said, were tested "1,000 per cent or more" often than the rest of the world. The secret is better selection, harder work, and a diet of turtle soup and fungus.

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And there was the problem of the fire alarm. The night before the 100 metres, the alarm went off in the Chinese camp for the third time since they had been there, and at 2am. "We are very angry about this," their interpreter, Yu Wenting, said. "They swam badly, but it is understandable."

Yes, conspiracy theories work both ways. The following day, the incomprehensibly woeeful Chinese performances continued. In the 200 metres freestyle, Shan Ying and Chen Yen were each three seconds outside personal bests, and missed the final. The pattern was set: Han Xue and Yuan Yuan both missed the final of the 100 metres breaststroke. It looks like disastrous failure. The villains of the Games have simply failed to show up. Who will wear the black hat now?

Meanwhile, back to Le. In victory she seemed reduced to half her size: a child of a girl filled with perfectly scrutable delight. "This is the most important day of my life," she said. "My wish is granted." In victory, the purest innocent.

Meanwhile, taking bronze, behind Le, was a lif of Georgia gal named Angel Martino. It was a triumph for clean-cut American people everywhere. Only smudge on the story is that a few years back, Angel was caught doing some 'lil' of steroids herself.

Oh yes, but that's completely different. Isn't it?

Heyns's world record cuts short American joy

FROM CRAIG LORD

PENNY HEYNS made her intention to become South Africa's first Olympic champion clear as water at the Georgia Tech pool yesterday morning, with a world record of 1min 02.12sec in the heats of the 100 metres breaststroke.

The capacity crowd of 15,000 had barely had time to catch its breath after cheering home Amanda Beard, the 14-year-old baby of the US team, ahead of world champion Samantha Riley in the heat before Heyns's. Beard led Riley, of Australia, 1:09.04 to 1:09.37sec and things were flowing the American way.

Heyns, 21, had other ideas, turning 0.54sec inside her own world record pace at 50 metres and three metres clear of the field. The crowd rose like a

Mexican wave in disbelief as the South African, who trains part of the year at the University of Nebraska, emerged from her turn. Her stroke appeared not to falter down the last length, and the world record put her two seconds ahead of the pack for the final.

The psychological blow dealt, Heyns, who had asked not to be considered for the role of flag-bearer for South Africa at the opening ceremony so that her form would not suffer, felt there was more to come. "It's great to get the record and I had intended to break it this morning but I can't say that's a perfect swim. There are things I can improve on."

South African sportswoman of the year in 1995, Heyns set her previous world record of 1min 07.46sec at the Olympic trials at Durban in March. That was all the more surpris-

ing because she had been training in a 25-yard pool and had had little practice in an Olympic (50m) pool. "I've had three months of really hard training, with more long-course work, and it seems to be working," she said.

Heyns was the second world record in two days at the pool, the first also at 100m breaststroke and set in the heats, by Frederik Deburghgraeve, the shaven-headed Belgian, on Saturday.

The Chinese had yet another poor day, failing to make a final, but there was no mistaking that Franziska van Almsick, the 18-year-old star of the German team, had learned well the lessons of the past two years. At the world championships in 1994, the schoolgirl with DMSM in sponsorship had failed to make the final of the 200m freestyle. A team-mate

dropped out and Van Almsick went on to win her first and only world title in a world record of 1min 56.78sec. A year later in Vienna, she missed the final of the 200m at the European Championship and swam a faster time in the B final than it took to win the title.

There were no tactical ploys yesterday morning, just a fast swim of 1min 59.40sec, during which she displayed her awesome talent and a technical proficiency that translates into a swan-like progress across the surface of the water. No one else in the final has mastered the element quite so beautifully as the Berliner, whose every move is followed incessantly by a crew of 40 and more German media, many employed as "Franzi" correspondents.

Claudia Poll, the Costa Rican who was the only other swimmer to swim faster than two minutes, lived up to the expectation that she will be the biggest danger to the German. But Karen Pickering, who holds the third fastest time in the world behind Poll and Van Almsick in a short-course pool, failed to make the final, swimming little faster than she had four years ago. "I've felt heavy and a little tired," was her only real explanation. Beyond that? "I really don't know," she shrugged in resignation and frustration.

Better news for the British camp came from the men's 4 x 200m freestyle team of James Salter, Andrew Clayton, Mark Stevens and Paul Palmer. The quartet set themselves up as third fastest for the final with a British record of 7mins 21.92sec, 0.65sec inside the team that finished sixth in Barcelona in 1992, and included Palmer.

Judo fighter given all-clear after fears over neck injury

ERIC KRIEGER, the Austrian heavyweight judo fighter, was released from hospital in Atlanta yesterday after undergoing treatment for a spinal contusion.

Krieger was taken to hospital on Saturday with a suspected neck fracture suffered in his defeat in a preliminary-round match of the over-95kg class after being crushed after a leg-throw by the Frenchman David Douillet, the eventual gold medal-winner.

Dr James Dougal of the Games medical staff in Atlanta said Krieger was kept overnight at Crawford Long Hospital and underwent imaging studies yesterday to confirm that his injury was less serious than originally feared.

Late rescue

Water polo: Viktor Jelenic salvaged a 9-9 draw for Yugoslavia, one of the favourites for the gold medal, with a late goal against Russia yesterday after his team squandered a three-goal lead on the second day of the preliminary round. Yugoslavia had to battle hard after trailing 9-8 to clinch the draw.

ATLANTA BRIEFS

Rubin ruled out

Tennis: Chanda Rubin has pulled out of the United States women's team, giving Mary Joe Fernandez a chance to make Olympic history. X-rays on a fractured right wrist showed Rubin was not fit so Fernandez, who is already in the doubles, will take her place. Fernandez, who won bronze in Barcelona, could become the first player to win four tennis medals.



Rubin: wrist injury

Bad dream

Basketball: The United States "Dream Team III" emerged from a sluggish first half to clinch a 96-68 victory over Argentina on the opening day at the Georgia Dome. Shaquille O'Neal, the Los Angeles Lakers' new £80 million man, ended the game with a breakaway jam that brought supporters to their feet, but the match paled in comparison to Lithuania's tense double-overtime win, 83-81, over Croatia and Oscar Schmidt's heroics for Brazil.

Schmidt, appearing in a record-equalling fifth Olympics, scored 45 points including the last five in Brazil's 101-98 win over Puerto Rico.

Golden shot

Shooting: The first gold medal of the Olympics was won in dramatic style by Renata Mauer, of Poland, who snatched the women's 10 metre air rifle title with her last shot on Saturday. Mauer, 27, trailed the first-round leader Petra Horneber until the last round but the German cracked under the pressure.

Trapped in the great divide of Atlanta

Alex Bennett, below, one of Britain's best swimming hopes until she was injured in a car crash, feels mixed emotions



it doesn't feel quite right being here and not swimming. My dream is still incomplete. I'm on the wrong side of the fence and the grass is definitely greener on the other side.

Don't get me wrong, I wouldn't have missed this trip to Atlanta for the world. I knew it was going to be tough watching races that I could have been in, but I've accepted that this time I'm here as a

spectator. I hope that in the future I can use this experience as an advantage (actually, each day I feel a bit better as the thought creeps further forward). I'm here to take it all in so that in four years, when I might have another opportunity, I'll know what to expect.

What I am actually experiencing here is a far cry from what the athletes are experiencing. Sure, I'm soaking up

the razzmatazz, getting used to the patriotism, the hype and all those good things. But I have none of the pressure, none of the stress. I've avoided the three-hour wait for accreditation and I do not even have to queue for my food. You may think this is an advantage, but these things just remind me that I'm not competing. It's strange for me. I'm used to having a schedule to keep to at

a major competition, but this time I'm not thinking about getting the right food, sleep and physiotherapy.

The worst thing, though, is that I have nothing on which to focus. Now I'm looking at everything from a different angle — and what a wide angle that has to be.

I have been to a lot of major meets before, but never an Olympic Games. Even the Commonwealth Games, which were pretty spectacular and special for me, are nothing in comparison to Atlanta. After watching the opening ceremony I was buzzing. I couldn't sleep. My emotions were mixed. I thought about what could have been and of what to expect in the next seven days.

The Olympic pool was disappointing. It is set in an industrial area of the city and is neither as green nor as clean as I had expected. But inside, with all its stalls and displays, everything felt right.

I climbed up the many steps of the spectators' stand and saw my first view of the pool. My heart was thumping but it wasn't from the exertion — I just got emotional. I felt better when I spotted friends and familiar faces. I was very happy at that moment, but I still had a lump in my throat.

OLYMPIC GAMES: REDGRAVE AND PINSENT MOVE SERENELY INTO THE SEMI-FINALS BUT STILL PINPOINT ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT

Rowing duo find that travelling is easier by boat

FROM DAVID MILLER IN GAINESVILLE

AFTER only two days, the centennial Olympic Games are disintegrating amid rampant transport chaos. All sports, and the media worst of all, are affected. Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent, Britain's foremost contenders for a gold medal, yesterday survived the organisational crisis to dominate their heat of the coxless pairs at Lake Lanier.

After experiencing repeated blunders during the past week in making the 50-mile journey from the Olympic village in Atlanta to this delightful little wooded provincial town, Redgrave and Pinsent yesterday asked the British Olympic Association to bring them by private car.

Only 30 hours after the gruelling heat of the opening ceremony, in which Redgrave was the flagbearer, they proceeded to row the fastest times of the three heats to the 500 and 1,000 metre marks. They were almost paddling at 27 strokes to the minute, coarsening carefree, by the time they crossed the line ahead of Croatia.

"It's a right old shambles," Pinsent said, still pouring with perspiration in the 90F-plus temperatures nearly an hour after the race. "We've taken four years preparing for this, and we're not going to let somebody's organisation upset it."

They did not. It was a marvellously assured performance, the water glinting golden beneath the thickly treed banks, the spectator stand packed at 9am.

Such perfectionists are the British pair, however, that they were afterwards expressing reservations about their rhythm in the early stages, never mind that by halfway they had buried Croatia.

Jürgen Grobler, the British coach, was equally cautious about the performance when looking towards the final on Saturday. "Australia and France today looked very good," Grobler said. "Last year it [the world champion-

ships] was very close, and it was a very hard race all the way. It will be the same this Saturday."

With the heat winners going directly to the semi-final on Thursday — the remainder rowing a repechage — the British pair have three days to refine their cohesion. If only ACOG, the organising committee of the Games, could do likewise. Denis Oswald, president of the Rowing Federation, has had a meeting with Juan Antonio Samaranch, the president of the International Olympic Committee, to pro-

but understandable. The police couldn't shift them. We were lucky that day and got here in just over an hour.

"They haven't thought it through well enough. Some one who protested to an [ACOG] official was told: 'This isn't a taxi service'. Yet for two weeks of Atlanta's life it ought to be the best taxi system in the world."

The chaos is widespread. The American baseball team failed to arrive on time for their first match, receiving the same treatment as everyone else. A defending Turkish judo champion found himself disqualified after being taken to the wrong destination.

It was the same at the opening ceremony. Pinsent said. They were well looked after in the waiting area — the adjacent Fulton County baseball stadium, which will be pulled down after the Games and turned into a car park — but then encountered more mismanagement from marshals organising the march into the stadium. In a state of panic, the marshalls were getting teams to run between the two stadiums, so that Pinsent, having intended to follow closely behind his colleague flagbearer, found the entire British team sprinting past him. "I thought, 'od this', and just walked, so I came in last," Pinsent said.

Redgrave, conscious that they were being highly self-critical — their usual rate — admitted they had made worse starts to a championship.

"If we knew [what was wrong] we wouldn't do it," he said. "It's so hard to get things right and sometimes the harder you try the more difficult it becomes. We know that France and Austria will be alongside us in the final and we need to be right on top of it."

He thought their performance yesterday to be physically at 98 per cent, technically at about 75 per cent. "We'll need 95 to 100 for the final."



test about the transport, but little has improved.

Redgrave and Pinsent have suffered on trips to and from training, getting lost for two hours, being unable to return to the village because another rower had mislaid his accreditation, being taken past the village into central Atlanta on the return journey and then taking a further hour to find the way back. A press bus returned to base yesterday because the warden driver was scared of the freeway.

"There's usually no one you can complain to," Pinsent said. "It's usually the bus driver doing his best who doesn't know the route, or a teenage volunteer with a walkie-talkie trying to find out. One day there was a sit-in by 250 rowers, waiting at the village for buses, blocking the road. Extreme and selfish, maybe."



Pinsent, left, and Redgrave take the strain on Lake Lanier, cruising almost effortlessly into the semi-final, which takes place on Thursday

Defending champions rise above chaos

FROM MIKE ROSEWELL, ROWING CORRESPONDENT

STEVE REDGRAVE and Matthew Pinsent rose above their opponents and transport chaos to progress directly to Thursday's semi-final of the coxless pairs with a comfortable first place yesterday, setting 27 at the finish.

Britain's defending Olympic champions were not overpleased with their performance. "We got a good result out of a bad row," said Redgrave. "We have to improve on that to win. The Australians and French are very strong."

Britain's coxless four of the Searle brothers, Greg and Johnny, Rupert Obholzer and Tim Foster looked much more cohesive than they did at the pre-training camp Lucerne Regatta where they were off the pace. They had to finish in the top three to book a semi-final place and won, which is often important in the event's semi-final placings.

The Australian Olympic champions and Italy, the world champions, won the other heats, noticeably faster in the first quarter of the course. But this did not worry Foster, the British stroke. "The wind is doing different

things for different races. You can only judge from the people in your heat," he said, obliquely referring to the beaten Croatia and Poland.

Coach Steve Cunn seemed happier than at Lucerne. "It is nice to see a race which reflects what you have been doing in training." The headwind was stronger by the time of the later sculling heats, no advantage to Britain's lightweight rower Peter Haining, who finished fourth.

Haining made an eye-catching sprint to try and overtake Ali Ibrahim, of Egypt, for third place but will face a repechage on Tuesday, as will

Guin Batten, who was last at 500 metres but came through to finish fourth.

The saga of problems continued for the British men's double scull of Rob Thatcher and James Cracknell. "It is nice to see a race which reflects what you have been doing in training." The headwind was stronger by the time of the later sculling heats, no advantage to Britain's lightweight rower Peter Haining, who finished fourth.

Guy Pooley replaced him but the untrained combination, with just one outing together on Saturday, finished last in spite of a brave first 500

metres. Cracknell, who has been isolated from his teammates, will be fit to race the repechage on Tuesday.

Phillipa Cross and Kate Mackenzie found the pace as hot as the weather in the women's coxless pairs and never looked likely to achieve a top three placing in their heat. Four other British crews, the lightweight men's double, the lightweight men's four and the men's and women's eights enter the Olympic stage today the two eights have the chance of achieving a final place if they can win their heats. Looking at the opposition, this would be a very tall order.

Korea teach Britain hard lesson

Great Britain 0
South Korea 6

FROM SYDNEY FRISKIN

GREAT Britain's women were given an object lesson in teamwork by South Korea, who romped home with a 5-0 victory on Saturday night in the Olympic hockey tournament here.

The Koreans, who were fast and unrelenting, outclassed Britain in every department of play and could have won by a wider margin. Only a brave effort in goal by Hilary Rose and some reckless shooting by the Koreans prevented a heavier defeat.

The pressure exerted by the Korean forwards enabled them to force 13 short corners, three of which were converted. Britain, despite early enthusiasm of Fraser, Miller and Sixsmith, could not penetrate deep enough to force any of these awards.

However, the British defence, with Karen Brown conspicuous, stubbornly defended for 22 minutes before the Koreans opened the scoring with a goal from a short corner by the deep defender, Eun-Jung Choi.

In other matches of the round-robin series there were victories for Australia and Germany and an exciting 1-1 draw between Holland and the United States.

GREAT BRITAIN (England unless stated): H Rose, K Brown, J Adams (captain), K Johnson, S Fraser (Scott), P Robertson (Scott), M Davies, T Valler, J Sixsmith, B Simpson (Scott), M Nicholas. Substitutes used: C Coles, J Collier, J Mould, A Barnett. SOUTH KOREA: Ju-Sook You, Eun-Jung Choi, Eun-Jung Choi (captain), Jeong-Sook Lim, Myung-Ok Kim, Eun-Jung Chang, Young-Lee, Eun-Jung Lee, Soek-Yun Kwon, Eun-Yang Lee, Chang-Sook Kwon. Substitutes used: Young-Sun Jeon, Mi-Sook Choi. Umpires: A Ruiz (Spain), M Lunn (Canada).

There were two surprises in the men's event. Germany, the defending champions, were unimpressive in losing 1-0 to Spain, who held on to the lead obtained by Xavier Arnau ten minutes into the second half from a short corner.

India, one of the fancied teams in Pool A, lost by the same score to Argentina. Pakistan defeated the United States 4-0 on a rain-soaked pitch with Kamran Ashraf, the centre forward, scoring two goals.

Ali's spirit crowns arrival of Deep South on world stage

David Miller sees a ceremony drawing inspiration from two legendary figures

TWO men whose careers reached around the globe, whose personalities spoke the same message in different ways, provided the focal moments of Atlanta's moving opening ceremony for the centennial Olympic Games. Martin Luther King and Muhammad Ali, prophet and pugilist, each so articulate and so courageous in their pursuit of the emancipation of the black American, once more touched the spirit of the world during a celebration of the Deep South's arrival on the international stage.

"Atlanta, here we are!" Juan Antonio Samaranch, president of the International Olympic Committee, said at the beginning of his address, broadcast by NBC television to an audience estimated to be two-thirds of the world's population.

The most poignant moments were yet to come in a ceremony at one moment all-American, the next a tribute to the 100-year history of the Games, and their founder, Baron Pierre de Coubertin, to their ancient Greek origins and to some of the legendary figures who helped to create the unique sporting event. There was also a sense of satisfaction and fulfilment, after six years of preparation,

as President Clinton, returning to his native South, formally declared the Games open. Now the Olympic flag is brought into the stadium by eight bearers, led by Edwin Moses, hurdler extraordinary, and raised to the strains of the Olympic hymn, sung by a choir whose harmony is symbolically racial, more than choral. With the youth of the world once again gathered for friendly physical strife, we hear the voice of Dr King, son of a Baptist minister, born in Atlanta in 1929, non-violent human rights leader and Nobel Peace Prize-winner. Coretta, his widow, sits serene in primrose dress. Clinton, and thousands, quietly wipe a tear as the inspiring words of the famous speech from the 1963 March on Washington, "I Have A Dream" fill the stadium.

On to the centre stage next walk the heroes of yesterday: Dawn Fraser, Bob Beamon, Mark Spitz, Nadia Comaneci, Carl Lewis and others and, at

a spry 97, Leon Stukelj, of Yugoslavia, the oldest-living champion, from gymnastics in 1924.

To signify the fires of competition for the next 16 days, the flame must be lit. For three months, it has wound its way across the United States as the last carriers complete the journey to the stadium: Al Oerter, four-times discus champion and never once the favourite; on to Evander Holyfield, son of Atlanta and heavyweight bronze medal-winner in 1984, who is joined by Voula Patoulidou, the Greek hurdles champion in Barcelona; then there is another half-lap by Janet Evans, darling of American swimming, who climbs a ramp to the lip of the stadium.

There, in silhouette against a violet sky, stands Ali, lightweight Olympic champion of 1960, the most known, the most admired figure of a century of sport, for whom the heart aches in his present state of disability. Still defiant and erect, he lights the priming fuse which flies up a wire to ignite a cauldron atop the stadium. The spirit of human endeavour, Ali's spirit, is alight in this city whose history has been shaped by civil war and civil rights.

But that was worse to come, much worse. At 2.09am, David Coleman, uttered the 11 words that would haunt the rest of my waking hours: "The Olympic flame is the best part of two hours away." And do you know what? He was lying. When we next spotted that wretched candle, it wasn't just light outside — there were people on their way to work.

Really, I should have followed my instincts (the go-to-bed-you-fool ones) just as I did on Saturday night when, with Michelle Smith safely united with a gold medal and the women's

Spectators struggle to last the distance in Olympic marathon

Quentin Letts hopes Sydney 2000 makes its curtain-raiser shorter and sweeter

WHEN President Clinton shed tears during the opening ceremony of the Atlanta Olympic Games, it was from emotion, not boredom, but the 4½-hour duration of the flag-waving spectacular was too long for many spectators.

Olympic officials yesterday conceded that there was possible "overkill" and the Sydney Games in 2000 are likely to have a shorter curtain-raiser. "This opening ceremony was far too bloody long," a British official said.

For all the fireworks and wizard choreography, some youngsters fell asleep and other members of the crowd, left before the climax, when the secret star guest, Muhammad Ali, lit the Olympic flame. The ceremony ran half an hour over time and did not end until 12.45am — 5.45am for television viewers in Britain.

So extravagant were the opening dance scenes that the ceremony was already a good two hours old before even the start of the traditional parade of national teams. Only three members of the British track and field squad bothered to attend and there were several grumbles among the athletes who did take part and who had to wait in the adjacent

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Longo puts experience to good use

FROM PETER BRYAN

THE women's 104-kilometre cycle road race, held in torrential rain on an eight-kilometre circuit at Buckhead, a fashionable suburb north of Atlanta, was won by Jeannie Longo, of France, a veteran of Olympic and world championships.

Longo, 37, who seemed untouchable by the foul conditions, made her decisive move in the last ten minutes, coming home eight seconds clear of the Italian, Imelda Chiappa. Clara Hughes, of Canada, was third. A peloton reduced in number by a series of crashes on the greasy roads, crossed the line 52 seconds behind Longo.

The British trio, Caroline Alexander, Sarah Phillips and Marie Purvis, were well qualified to compete but Alexander failed to finish and her colleagues, although prominent from time to time, had no happy Olympic memories.

Longo, the world champion, took no part in the early pace-setting and avoided a crash involving six riders which took place before the rain became really heavy. She worked her way towards the front for the slight climb before the end of the second lap, after which she led at an average speed of 40kph.

The next 20 minutes produced a series of attacks, the most threatening being that of the Italian, Alessandra Cappellotto, who quickly established a lead of 12 seconds. The fire appeared to go out of some of her pursuers and she had an advantage of 33 seconds as conditions deteriorated, although Alexander was well placed when she went wide on a left-hand corner and lost control.

Cappellotto's dash for glory ended after 20 minutes of freedom when Longo broke away, with Chiappa and Hughes for company.

In typically attacking style, the Frenchwoman tried a solo dash on a climb, but was quickly hauled back by her two companions.

At the bell, with 30 seconds in hand over the peloton, Longo again escaped but it was her next and final attack which broke her opponents' spirit.

Olympian effort sees off opening night marathon

ACCORDING to Daley Thompson, real men don't do opening ceremonies. I dare say the same applies to real women ("the ladies"), as Andy Jameson, the BBC's swimming summariser, insists on calling them, but by 6am on Saturday I was past caring.

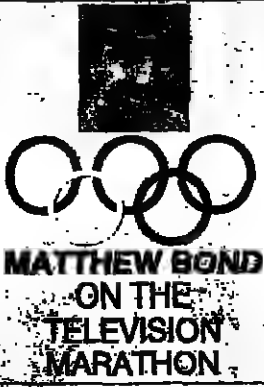
Looking back, the warning signs were there at the beginning. It was a few minutes past lam and an extraordinary transformation had befallen Des Lynam. The BBC's Mr Cool was red in the face, sweating freely and gibbering like a man possessed. At the time I put it down to the proximity of Sharon Davies, the clad as she was in something little bigger than her Gladiator's outfit. But now I know better. Des knew what lay ahead. As the public address system threatened to drown him out, you could see his knuckles whitening round his lollipop mike.

After exchanging pleasantries (if that is what you call stories about

white hats and pigeon droppings) Lynam went straight into one of those brilliant musical montages of Olympic memories. For a long time it seemed as if we might be there for the duration. Round and round and — oh why not — round again came the moments of spine-tingling sporting history. By the time it finished I had Steve Redgrave down for 15 gold medals, not three.

But there was worse to come, much worse. At 2.09am, David Coleman, uttered the 11 words that would haunt the rest of my waking hours: "The Olympic flame is the best part of two hours away." And do you know what? He was lying. When we next spotted that wretched candle, it wasn't just light outside — there were people on their way to work.

Really, I should have followed my instincts (the go-to-bed-you-fool ones) just as I did on Saturday night when, with Michelle Smith safely united with a gold medal and the women's



Matthew Bond on the television marathon

hockey team facing certain defeat against South Korea. I decided that the Dream Team would just have to slum it without me.

But that was night two. Night one of Olympic week zero saw the Dream Team with resolve, and caffeine. We were, and indeed are, going to do the Atlanta Games live. High-

lights are for wimps. Stay with me and for the next few nights we'll explore the wee small hours (not to mention some wee small sports) together. As the newly air-conditioned and much happier-looking Lynam put it on Saturday night: "If you've got the stamina, so have we." Tell you what Des, you're on.

Actually, I quite like opening ceremonies — the good ones such as Barcelona are a joy to behold and the bad ones (Albertville 1992 takes a lot of beating) are a hoot. Good or bad, you can depend on Coleman to take it all very seriously. "And the Olympic spirit's call is answered," he announced solemnly during the promising opening hour.

Nothing, however, had prepared me for the purgatory of the athletes' procession. At 2.55am, I scribbled a note: "Afghanistan". It took ten minutes to get to Azerbaijan; by the Cs, Coleman was worried about congestion on the pitch, at 4.38am I

carved the word "Zimbabwe" into my forearm with a rusty knife. There was still the home team to come.

But, as well all know by now, worse was on its way. The rights and wrongs of Muhammad Ali's appearance have already taken up acres of newspaper, but to draw your own conclusions you had to be, not there in the stadium, but watching it live on television, before clever editors tidied it up for posterity.

Only television gave you the full fiasco of the flame's arrival (Al Oerter having his moment of glory in an empty goods entrance, Evander Holyfield jogging down a cable-lined service tunnel) and only television gave you the unforgettable, unforgivable close-ups of shaking limbs and glazed eyes. After the longest 30 seconds in sporting history a reluctant bundle of flame eventually set light to something resembling a McDonald's chip carton. It was time to go to bed.

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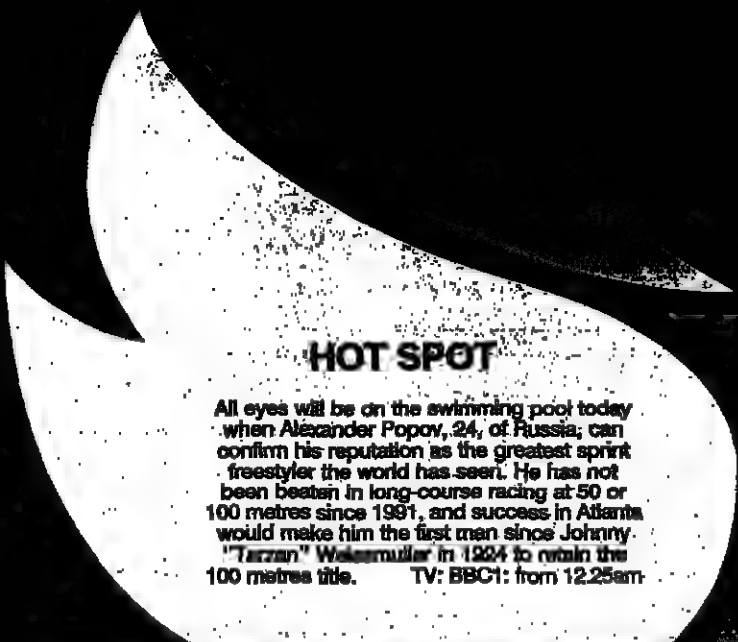


Richard Davison, a member of the Great Britain dressage team, is savouring every moment of his first Games. Determined to be close behind the Union Jack during the opening ceremony, he sprinted the quarter of a mile from the holding area to the stadium. Joined by Ginny Elliott, the cross-country team trainer, and fellow dressage rider Joanne Jackson, they arrived behind the flag just as Steve Redgrave descended into the Olympic stadium. Davison makes a habit of entering into the spirit of the occasion. Earlier in the week, attending a charity auction, one of the local worthies expressed a liking for the garish yellow tie he was sporting — one of two ties supplied by the British Olympic Association (BOA). "What will you bid for it?" Davison asked, only half-joking. "Five hundred dollars," came the reply. Moments after Davison had handed over the tie, Simon Clegg of the BOA approached. His reaction? "Make sure the cheque's written out to the BOA." So far no cheque has been forthcoming. JM

Chris Boardman, home today having finished his first Tour de France in three starts, has indicated to Britain's Olympic officials that he will not be available for the Games Pro-Am road race at Atlanta next week. He will spend three days at his Haylake home before flying to Tallahassee on Thursday. An opportunity to defend his 4,000 metres Olympic pursuit title this week has already been ruled out because the event comes so close to the end of the Tour. Boardman now plans to concentrate his preparation on the 52-kilometre road time-trial next week in which he expects to meet the world champion, Miguel Indurain, and many other recent Tour rivals. It was Boardman's private warnings to the British Cycling Federation that he was having second thoughts about the Olympic road race that resulted in Chris Newton being named as the reserve. Newton is a member of Boardman's club, the North West Velo, and had already been named for the 4,000 metres track team pursuit. PB

Those members of the Great Britain sailing team who made the effort to go all the way up to Atlanta for the main opening ceremony may have wished they had not bothered. Savannah is a long way from Atlanta and it would be an exhausting return trip in any event. But because of an amazing failure of management, the hapless yachtsmen, on the eve of the most important competition of their lives, found themselves in a bus without air conditioning. The heat index — a combination of humidity and temperature — was reading 108 degrees. Because of security delays, they sat there for an hour and a half before they even set off. Five hours later they found themselves in the marshalling area next to the main Olympic stadium in Atlanta where they waited for four hours, unable to hear anything and watching the action on a big screen. The sailors, who included Great Britain's medal hopes John Merrick and Ian Walker, finally got back to Savannah at 7.00am without any sleep. EG

Words by Jenny MacArthur, Paul Blyth and Chris Lord



HOT SPOT

All eyes will be on the swimming pool today when Alexander Popov, 24, of Russia, can confirm his reputation as the greatest sprint freestyler the world has seen. He has not been beaten in long-course racing at 50 or 100 metres since 1991, and success in Atlanta would make him the first man since Johnny "Tarzan" Walker in 1924 to retain the 100 metres title. TV: BBC1 from 12.25am



MEDAL TABLE

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
China	2	2	0
Belgium	1	0	1
France	1	0	1
Ireland	1	0	0
Italy	1	0	0
Poland	1	0	0
Russia	1	0	0
Turkey	1	0	0
New Zealand	1	0	0
Germany	0	2	3
United States	0	2	1
Cuba	0	2	0
Brazil	0	1	0
Spain	0	1	0
Bulgaria	0	0	2
Hungary	0	0	2
Australia	0	0	1
Yugoslavia	0	0	1

At and of Saturday's events

Leading all time medals table

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
United States	706	603	618
Soviet Union	442	381	385
Germany	340	258	362
Great Britain	177	204	218
France	161	175	191
Sweden	133	149	171
Italy	133	125	131
Hungary	136	124	144
Finland	99	77	112
Japan	80	68	98
Australia	78	78	98
Poland	69	70	90
Poland	43	63	105
Canada	46	67	80
Holland	45	62	72
Switzerland	42	63	58

* Includes West and East Germany
Table does not include medals from 1992 Games

Weather: sunny Humidity: 69% Temperature: 78°F

These Games will be the last leading judo event when fighters will all wear white suits. The Japanese, the inventors of the sport, who wanted to retain the traditional costume, have finally had to submit to pressure from European countries that the sport had to make itself more attractive to television. The Japanese had used their influence to persuade other continents to insist on all-white suits for world championships and other leading tournaments. They have even provided thousands of free white suits for third-world countries. A threat to introduce coloured kits for all leading European competitions from 1997 meant that the Japanese had either to bow to the inevitable or boycott the leading judo events. The final submission occurred when members of the International Judo Federation met Juan Antonio Samaranch, president of the International Olympic Committee. Afterwards, Nobuyuki Sato, the former Japan coach, said: "Although I am a traditionalist, judo must continue to develop." JG

In the 1950s, the United States were the dominating force in weightlifting, led by such men as the 26-stone Paul Anderson, from the state of Georgia, home of these Games. After Anderson's 1950 Olympic victory, he earned a living in a nightclub by holding a steel ball of gold coins. Anyone who duplicated the feat could keep the money. No-one succeeded. Since his heyday, competitive lifting has slumped in popularity here. To help rekindle enthusiasm for this week's competition, the organisers are playing music between the end of the announcements and the start of the competition. The announcers are explaining the sport and background of the competition. Eyn Jones, the assistant event manager, has drawn the line at comparing the weights to objects familiar to spectators; to give them a better idea how much is being lifted, Jones says. "When commenting on the long jump, you do not say that the athlete is jumping over three lanes of a motorway." Anderson's feat of actually lifting a safe will remain secret. JG

As a show of unity, each member of the United States men's team has agreed to sacrifice something he enjoys. Jon Olsen, stopped drinking alcohol and Tippi Schwenk gave up his ritual visit to McDonald's. Tame staff, when you consider Team Canada, each swimmer has signed a contract agreeing to forgo sex. "No joking," Joanne Malar, the medley swimmer, said. "It's part of the code of conduct." The code reads: "Sexual activity is among inappropriate behaviour that could result in disciplinary action." Michelle Smith is happy to be Irish and not Canadian. Told of the code, she played it safe by telling her husband of a month, Erik de Bruin, smiled and said: "Well, we're on our honeymoon, here, and it's all been paid for too..." Meanwhile, Alexander Popov has not decided whether to race the 100 metres backstroke. Looking at the accreditation pass on this questioner's chest, the Russian smiled and said: "Ah, The Times — to swim or not to swim, that is the question." CL

Words by John Goodbody and Chris Lord

TODAY AT THE GAMES

All times BST

BASEBALL: Round-robin: Australia v Holland (15.00); Nicaragua v Italy (20.00); United States v South Korea (01.00).

BASKETBALL: Men's preliminary round: Pool A: Croatia v China (17.00); Argentina v Lithuania (01.00); Angola v United States (03.00). Pool B: Brazil v Greece (15.00); South Korea v Puerto Rico (20.00); Yugoslavia v Australia (00.00).

BOXING: First round (featherweight and middleweight: 18.30 and 01.00).

EQUESTRIANISM: Three-day event, team dressage (second day: 14.00 and 20.00).

FENCING: Men's individual foil, preliminaries (16.00) final stages (22.00); women's individual foil, preliminaries (13.00) final stages (20.00).

FOOTBALL: Men's preliminary round: Pool A: United States v Tunisia, Argentina v Portugal (00.30). Pool B: Spain v France, Saudi Arabia v Australia (00.00).

GYMNASTICS: Men's team optional (14.15, 17.30 and 21.30 — final session).

HOCKEY: Men's preliminary round: Pool A: Pakistan v Spain (14.00); Germany v India (22.30); United States v Argentina (01.00). Women's round-robin: Australia v Argentina (14.00); United States v South Korea (18.00).

JUDO: Men's under 86kg and women's under 66kg, preliminaries (14.30) and finals (20.00).

ROWING: Men: Heats: Lightweight double sculls (14.00); lightweight coxless pairs (15.00); quadruple sculls (15.50); eights (16.40). Women: Heats: Lightweight double sculls (14.30); quadruple sculls (15.30); eights (16.20).

SHOOTING: Men: 10-metre air rifle, preliminaries (15.00) and final (18.00).

SOFTBALL: Round-robin: Australia v Taiwan (14.00); Japan v China (16.30); Puerto Rico v Canada (23.30); United States v Holland (02.00).

SWIMMING: Heats at 15.05 for evening finals. Finals: Men: 100m freestyle (00.59); 200m butterfly (01.39). Women: 400m freestyle (00.36); 100m backstroke (01.19); 4 x 100m freestyle relay (02.01).

VOLLEYBALL: Women's preliminary round: Pool A: China v South Korea (15.00); Ukraine v Japan (17.30);

Holland v United States (00.30). Pool B: Russia v Canada (21.00); Germany v Peru (23.30); Cuba v Brazil (00.30).

WATER POLO: Preliminary round: Pool A: Russia v Germany (16.00); Spain v Yugoslavia (17.40); Hungary v Holland (21.40). Pool B: Greece v Romania (20.00); Croatia v Italy (23.20); Ukraine v United States (03.00).

WEIGHTLIFTING: Under 64kg: Group B (17.30) and group A (final: 21.00).

WRESTLING: Greco-Roman: Under 52kg, under 62kg, under 74kg, under 90kg and under 130kg preliminaries (15.00) and classification (20.30).

YACHTING: Two races to be sailed in each class: men's and women's Mistral, men's Finn, women's Europe, Laser, Star, Soling, Tornado (18.00).

WHEN TO WATCH ON TELEVISION

BBC1

7.00am Olympic Breakfast; 9.05am-12.35pm Olympic Grandstand; 1.40-5.35pm Olympic Grandstand; 10.20pm-4.30am Olympic Grandstand

BBC2

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CRICKET: YORKSHIRE SWEEP BACK TO TOP OF TABLE

Unsung Hartley left among also-rans by unfair benefit scheme

THOSE who share my way of thinking about the county benefit system — in short, that it is inequitable, invidious, probably immoral and quite possibly illegal — might have raised a wry smile over events at Harrogate on Saturday. In opposition, on this most agreeable of out-grounds, were two players who epitomise the unjust extremes created by this demeaning method of rewarding loyalty; and it was the pauper of the system who beat the prince.

This was an important county championship match and it was the bowling of Peter Hartley that secured the victory which carried Yorkshire to the head of the table. This is Hartley's benefit year, his chance to put something by after a worthy but unglamorous career, yet he can expect to make a comparative pittance, certainly when set against the potential windfall of his counterpart on the losing Hampshire side, Robin Smith.

There is no blame attached to Smith for the hideous imbalance now evident among beneficiaries. It is not his fault, any more than it is the fault of Mike Gatting and Allan Lamb, both wallowing in the over-indulgence of a second benefit, that their profiles attract lavish corporate backing for funds that were never designed to be operated in such a way.

The more the game itself has changed, the more benefits have slipped their anchor, sacrificed their justification. Nowadays, the big money is made by those who already have it aplenty, which was not the point of the exercise nor a healthy situation at a time when the financial divisions between the leading players and the rest are already stark.

Benefits are now big business, their big events given a hard, celebrity-backed sell. The leading players regard £200,000 as a mere starting point and Smith will probably break the record this year. Meanwhile, the honest, reliable county player who has aspired to, but never attained, fame and fortune, loses out.

One might argue there are too

ALAN LEE



Championship Commentary

many such also-rans clogging up the game, but that is a separate argument. It was this sort for whom the benefit was created and Hartley exemplifies the breed — an unsung cricketer but a good one nonetheless. He is 36, supports his native Keighley rugby league side and remains utterly unrecognised despite, last season, taking more first-class wickets than any Yorkshire player for 19 years.

He required a good deal of perseverance and a stroke of perverse fortune even to get his career properly started, for at the age of 25 he was entitled to think he should settle for employment in the textile industry which provided his off-season earnings. By then, both Yorkshire and Warwickshire had decided his seam bowling was too innocuous for county cricket.

Yorkshire, however, were coming to terms with the fact that whistling down empty mine-shafts was no longer a source of fast bowlers and, more for want of anyone better than with serious belief in his potential, they gave Hartley a second look.

This was in 1985, when Hartley profited greatly from the fact that Yorkshire's senior seam attack of Graham Stevenson, Arnie Sidebottom and Paul Jarvis spent more time on the treatment table than on the field. Hartley, whose

virtues include an enviable ability to stay fit, took his chance and was offered a contract for the next summer.

Ten years on, he may appear a misfit in a team of thrusting youngsters, but he is there on merit, the dependable foot soldier who takes up the attack after the commando raids of Darren Gough and Chris Silverwood. Hampshire were threatening to be difficult on Saturday, but Hartley ensured they went quietly, his five for 57 including a spell of three for five.

Victory inside three days swept Yorkshire into a 15-point lead and meant Leicestershire, who won in two days at Cheltenham, had enjoyed ascendancy for all of 24 hours — not nearly enough to satisfy the frustrated ambitions of another Yorkshireman, James Whitaker.

In his first year as the Leicestershire captain, Whitaker is turning plenty of admiring heads with his vital approach. If he was not quite as old as 34 he would be thought an alternative England captain; in truth, Whitaker has doubtless acknowledged such days have passed him by. He played his only Test, in Adelaide, ten years ago.

Surrey, meanwhile, stayed closely in touch in the title race by beating Sussex on Saturday, though only after a six-wicket stand of 164 between Bill Athey and Peter Moores. Essex, tenth but not yet without title prospects, need only another 119 to beat Nottinghamshire. They have, however, lost two wickets already in the last innings of an epic four-day game and will be pleased to see Graham Gooch back this morning after his early departure for England selection duties.

Then, of course, there is Warwickshire, not engaged in this round of fixtures but impressively polishing off the Pakistanis by way of warning to all those who believe them a spent force. They have the wherewithal to cope in a title race when others might wilt and their greatest anxiety is the fitness of their fast bowlers. Perhaps they should never have let Hartley leave.



Brothers in arms: Mark Butcher, left, is close to Test selection while his brother, Graham, has become a fixture at Glamorgan



PHOTOGRAPHS: PAUL STURGES AND GRAHAM MORRIS

Fabulous Butcher boys hit high note

Ivo Tennant on the brothers perpetuating a formidable cricketing family dynasty

Mark Butcher, whose form this season has propelled him to the verge of the England side, was predestined to become a cricketer. So, too, was his younger brother, Gary. Their father was good enough to play Test cricket, albeit in only one match, when he was transfixed by the advice of his opening partner, Geoffrey Boycott. An uncle played for Leicestershire and another for MCC.

Alan Butcher, who raised his sons while playing for Surrey and who now runs the Essex second XI, should have played more Test cricket than he did. He opened with Boycott on his home ground, the Oval, in 1979, but felt imprisoned at the crease after a welter of well-meant but inhibiting advice. His 34 runs in two innings against India were not sufficient to give him a winter tour.

By 1991 he had gone to Glamorgan and had become their captain. That July he returned to the Oval and had the pleasure — and the difficulty — of playing a Sunday

league match against his elder son, who was representing Surrey for the first time. "Mark Butcher made a spectacular debut, almost robbing his father's team of victory," Wisden recorded. Coming in at No 7, he struck 48 off 36 balls and also opened the Surrey bowling.

He did not play in the county championship that year and although Wisden continued to lavish praise on him ("Butcher looked an all-rounder of great promise") he was given only two championship matches in 1992. In the last 3½ years he has had no fewer than three groin operations as well as a pelvic injury this season. It has restricted him to bowling off spin rather than medium pace and has resulted in Surrey resting him on Sundays.

This makes Butcher's consistency this season all the more remarkable. "Mark has improved even

more than in the past and is now a top quality opening bat," Alec Stewart, his captain, said. "I would expect him to go on the A tour or possibly the full England trip this winter."

Only Michael Bevan and Graham Thorpe, his Surrey colleague, reached 1,000 runs before Butcher this season. He averages more than 60. Grahame Clinton, who has been taking legal advice after being dismissed as the Surrey coach, is given the credit for his improvement, as is his father. "Dad did not make big technical changes to my game but he told me to lean my head towards the bowler and if I am not playing well, I have to remember where my weight is," Butcher said.

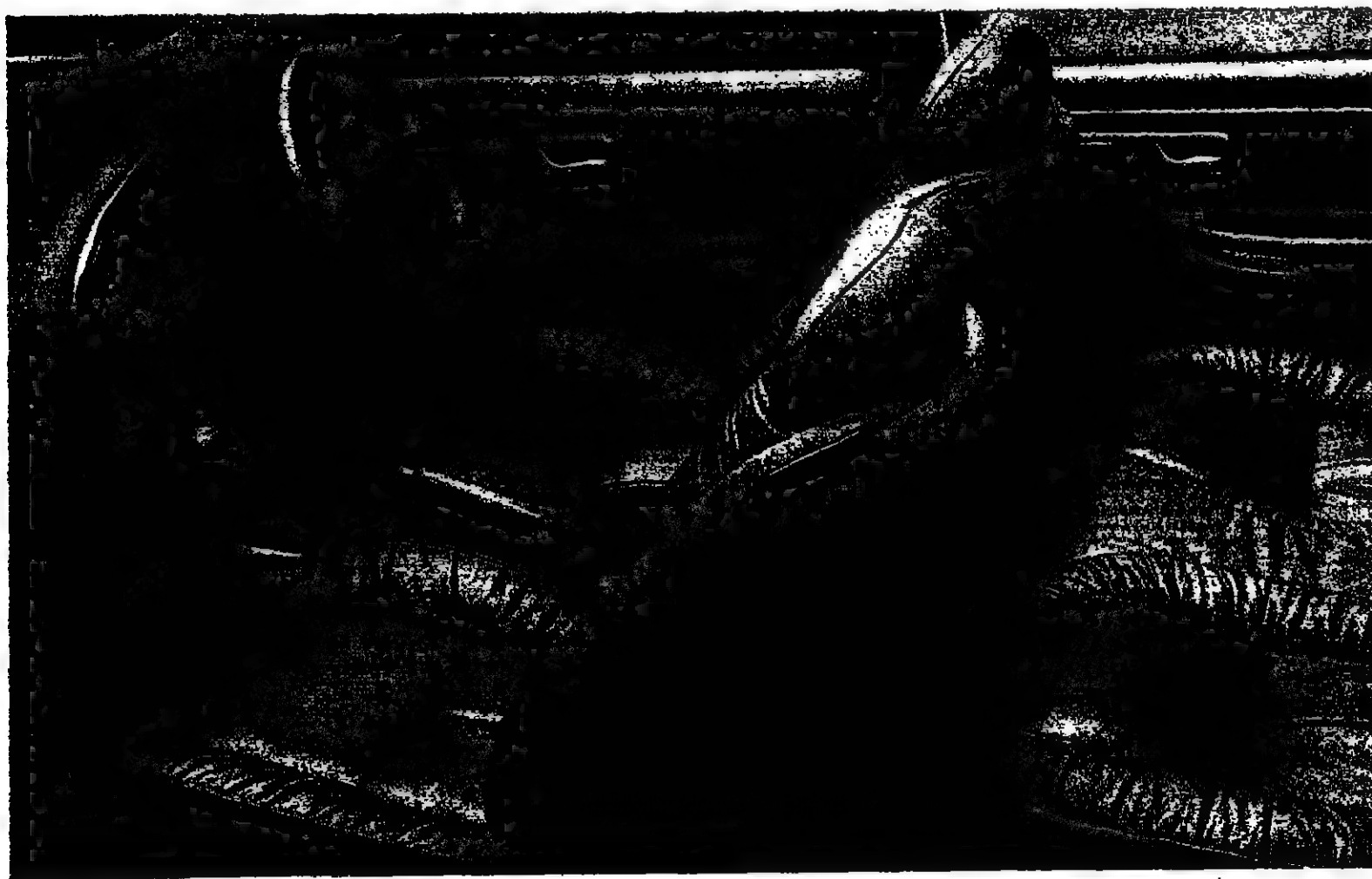
Butcher's brother, Gary, who followed his father to Glamorgan,

differs in that he can see an attacking shot in every ball. He bats in the middle order and does not play so straight, but then he is two years younger and also has sufficient ability to improve. He bowls on the quicker side of medium with a low arm action and a fortnight ago gained career-best figures of seven for 77 against Gloucestershire.

The brothers are chums. "It would have been good to have had Gary at Surrey but he has benefited from joining Glamorgan at a younger age than I did with Surrey. He did not play all the youth cricket I did and that has served him well because he was thrown in," Mark Butcher said.

The elder brother is now under scrutiny not only from the selectors but from his future father-in-law — Mickey Stewart. Mark Butcher marries his captain's sister, Judy, in October. She knows the honeymoon could be brief. The likelihood is that her fiancé will be on one or other of the England tours this winter.

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Riis keeps promise to end an era in Tour de France

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

BJARNE RIIS sat down with his new team-mates last November and told them he was going to win the Tour de France. They believed him — which says more for the vision of the riders of Deutsche Telekom than most of the rest of the cycling world, for few tipped the big Dane as a possible heir to Miguel Indurain, the winner of the last five Tours. Evgeni Berzin, perhaps Alex Zülle, maybe Laurent Jalabert, a genuine contender surely. Riis? No, good but not that good.

Well, Riis was right and everybody else was wrong. It was he who carried the yellow jersey up the Champs-Élysées yesterday and it was he who ended the reign of the great Spaniard, who had dominated the race since 1991. Most important of all, he won in style, dominating the race from start to finish, then from the moment the going got tough in the Alps until the

decisive stages through the Pyrenees were complete.

"Since joining us, he has been telling us that his goal was to win the Tour," the Telekom team director, Walter Godefroot, said yesterday. "He wanted to know if the guys would be strong enough to support him and I told him that if he behaved as a leader, they would do their utmost to help him. That's exactly what happened." Thus, after 11 years in the professional ranks and at the age of 32, Riis became the oldest winner of the race since Joop Zoetemelk of Holland, who was 33 when he won it in 1980.

He took things easy yesterday, the hard work long since done, including two brilliant stage wins in the mountains, one at Sestriere and the other at Lourdes-Hautacam, and it was the Italian sprinter, Fabio Baldato, who took the line honours in Paris, beating Frederic Moncassin, of

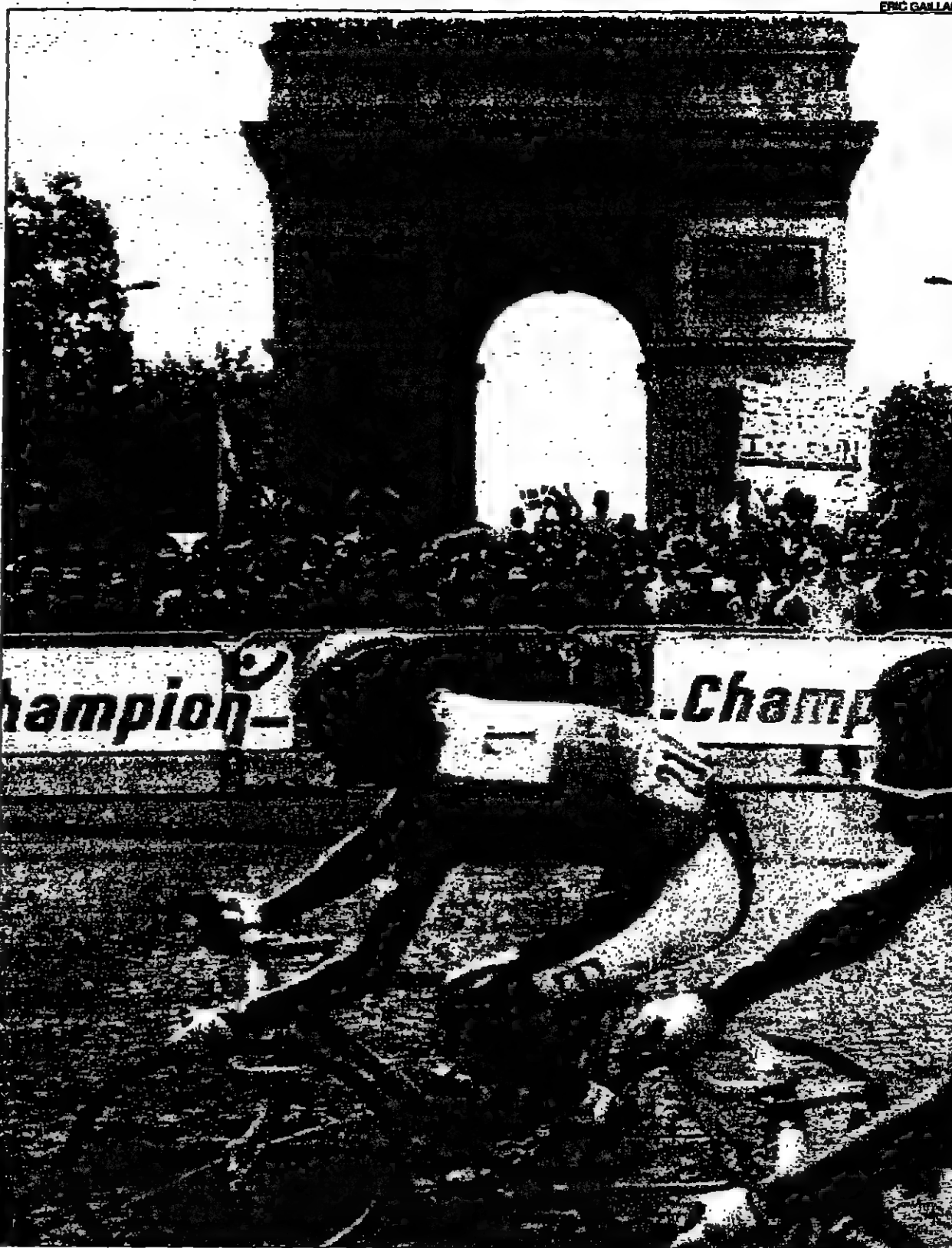
France, in a sprint finish. Erik Zabel, of Germany, a team-mate of Riis, already confirmed as the winner of the points classification, was close behind in fifth.

In second place overall was Jan Ullrich, of Germany, yet another Telekom rider, who, at the age of 22, looks a certain overall winner in the future, his potential confirmed with a blistering time-trial win from Bordeaux to Saint-Emilion on Saturday, a performance that overshadowed even Indurain, for years the time-trialler supreme, and for a time threatened Riis's lead. In third place was Richard Virenque, of France, who also claimed the King of the Mountains' title for the third year in a row.

Far behind, in 39th place, was an exhausted Chris Boardman, nearly 1½ hours behind Riis. He had hoped to reach the top 20, but a virus hampered him and, in the end, he was relieved merely to make Paris. Max Sciandri, the other Briton to start the race, failed to do even that.

"I reckon I was only at about 80 per cent fitness on the start line and yet the Tour has not beaten me," Boardman said. For him, as for Riis, Indurain et al, the Olympic Games beckon. "The Olympics is a totally different event, a one-hour time-trial as opposed to a 4,000 kilometre marathon. I would not say I am not looking forward to it, but I must have a good chance."

The last word, however, belonged to Riis. "This is the best day in my career, I'm so happy. There were so many Danes here, it was just unbelievable." For a man of few words such as Riis, that was a yell of exultation.



Riis, resplendent in his yellow jersey, passes the Arc de Triomphe on the approach to the finish yesterday

TOUR DETAILS

THIRTIETH STAGE (150km, time-trial, Bordeaux to Saint-Emilion) 1. J. Ullrich (Ger, Telekom) 15m 51.5s; 2. M. Indurain (Sp, Banesto) 15m 52.0s; 3. A. Chacón (Sp, Mapal) 15m 52.5s; 4. B. Riis (Dan, Telekom) 15m 53.0s; 5. L. Jalabert (Fra, Festina) 15m 53.5s; 6. C. Boardman (GB, Cofidis) 15m 54.0s; 7. R. Virenque (Fra, Festina) 15m 54.5s; 8. F. Moncassin (Fra, Festina) 15m 55.0s; 9. E. Berzin (Rus, Gewiss) 15m 55.5s; 10. L. Binda (Ita, Festina) 15m 56.0s; 11. P. Lutsenberger (Austria, Cofidis) 15m 56.5s; 12. J. Zabel (Ger, Telekom) 15m 57.0s; 13. V. Binda (Ita, Festina) 15m 57.5s; 14. L. Binda (Ita, Festina) 15m 58.0s; 15. M. Indurain (Sp, Banesto) 15m 58.5s; 16. M. Lelli (Ita, Festina) 15m 59.0s; 17. M. Lelli (Ita, Festina) 15m 59.5s; 18. M. Lelli (Ita, Festina) 16m 0.0s; 19. M. Lelli (Ita, Festina) 16m 0.5s; 20. M. Lelli (Ita, Festina) 16m 1.0s; 21. M. Lelli (Ita, Festina) 16m 1.5s; 22. M. Lelli (Ita, Festina) 16m 2.0s; 23. M. Lelli (Ita, Festina) 16m 2.5s; 24. M. 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Lancing look to Vail for inspiration

By JOHN CASSY

SELECTION to represent England at the world junior squash championships in Cairo last week represented more than just a personal triumph for Lancing College's Tim Vail. While staff at the West Sussex college were delighted at the 19-year-old's call-up, they are hopeful that his achievement will inspire the next generation of Lancing pupils to a return to the dominance the college held over schools' squash in the 1950s and 1960s.

During that time, visiting players knew they were in for an uphill battle, even before they began the steep ascent of the college's drive to the spectacular position it com-

the youngsters running all over the court. He's a wonderful motivator, with a great sense of humour, and as a coach it will be invaluable to me to feed Tim's example to future Lancing players."

Vail arrived from Hastings on a sports scholarship in 1991, and seldom can a bursary have been better spent. The individual pedigree of the one-time Under-10 England No 1 was never in doubt, but his overall contribution has exceeded all expectations. Five years on, Vail is now a qualified coach who will provide vital assistance to Stevenson in the running of the residential squash courses the college hosts in the summer holidays.

In October, he will take up a place at Birmingham University to read commerce and Spanish. Yet Vail's path to international competition has not been an entirely smooth one. Just two years ago, he was on the verge of packing up the game he has played since he was five after first picking up a racket while watching one of his father's regular Saturday morning games. A failure to grow apace physically with his peers had brought some depressing defeats against bigger, but usually less skilful, players.

"Until I was about 16 or 17, I wasn't very big," Vail said. "I'd just get hacked off court. It was depressing and I seriously thought about giving up, but my county coach pleaded with me. I persevered and it has paid off." His physical growth over the last 18 months, improved fitness and an impressive performance in the British Under-19 championship in April have renewed his confidence, and there was no disgrace in losing to Ahmed Faizy, of Egypt, the top seed, in the third round in Cairo.

Mark Palmer, the head of squash at Lancing, said: "We have already attracted some talented youngsters because of Tim's success, including George Webster, England's top rated player at under-14 level. In fact, our under-14 squad must be one of the most powerful in the country."



Vail works on his forehand before his appearance in the world junior championships in Cairo. Photograph: Michael Scates

Celebrated name living up to expectations

By IVO TENNANT

TO BE christened Robert Moore is akin to being bestowed the initials of MCC or to be named Neil Harvey Fairbrother. Expectations are aroused if the boy takes up sport. Such expectations abound when, at the age of 15, he scores 183 runs from 23 overs for his school, plays golf off a handicap of nine and captains the South of England hockey team in his representative group.

Moore attends King Edward VI, an independent day school in Southampton founded in the 16th century. Last week, when their under-15 XI played Henry Beaufort in the Gawthorn Cup, he

struck 15 sixes and 14 fours in his innings of 183, which took his tally for the term to 877. His team won this 25-over match by 148 runs.

"I would imagine Hampshire have their eye on Robert," Roger Sampson, his cricket master, said. Moore, a right-handed batsman who opens or goes in at No 3, played two matches for the school's first XI during the term, scoring 97 against a South Africa under-17 touring side, and then 12. "I would like to become a professional sportsman," he said. "David Gower is the cricketer I most admire but what I would really like to be is a golfer."

Sampson stresses that Henry Beaufort, a state school in Win-

chester, fielded a weakened XI due to end-of-term activities, yet he regards Moore, the son of a former Hampshire squash captain, as "the best technical schoolboy batsman I have seen in my career as a teacher". On Saturday, Moore made 104 for Hampshire under-15s against Wiltshire under-15s. He will not be moving far from the cricket grounds of southern England these holidays.

"Robert plays very straight and with time to spare," Sampson said. "He is a very tall, athletic lad - I call him Errol Flynn. He can also bowl medium pace and, as well as excelling at sport, is university material." Other than in the Lord's Taverners competition, King

Edward VI under-15s have been defeated only twice in schools matches this season, by Canford and Winchester. Moore would have played more often for the first XI had his teachers not thought it best that he remain with his peers.

The first XI of King Edward VI also had a successful season. John Cloughton, the captain, batted well, and Luke Andrews, an opening bowler, took wickets regularly, for both the first XI and the under-15s, including six for nine against St George's, Weybridge. And there is another Moore showing promise. Thomas, Robert's brother, who is a spin bowler, plays for Hampshire under-13s. This is a family to watch.

FOOTBALL

Poborsky to complete move at last

MANCHESTER United have won the race to sign Karel Poborsky, of the Czech Republic. Agreement was reached with Slavia Prague after United had refused to increase a £3.5 million offer for the 24-year-old midfielder player.

Poborsky will have a medical this week and, if he passes, will then sign a four-year deal thought to be worth £2 million. United will now try to get his work permit through before the season starts.

The Czech player has been the subject of a tug-of-war between the FA Carling Premiership champions and Liverpool, but Poborsky had said that Old Trafford was the only place he wanted to move to.

Poborsky won acclaim after scoring a spectacular winning goal against Portugal in the quarter-finals of the European championship, helping his country progress to the final against Germany which they lost in extra time.

That achievement crowned a splendid season, with Slavia winning the Czech championship and reaching the semi-finals of the UEFA Cup.

Slavia had wanted to hold onto their leading player, who still had two years of his contract to run, and the club saw him as being vital to their European Cup Champions' League campaign.

Brian Laws, the Grimsby Town manager, Kenny Swain, the assistant manager, and John Cockerill, the youth coach, have been given three-year contracts by the Nationwide League first division club.

Gabriel Batistuta, the Fiorentina striker, plans to retire from football when he passes 30 and return home to Argentina. The 27-year-old, who in May helped his club to the Italian Cup - their first trophy in 21 years - told the *Corriere dello Sport* newspaper he had no plans to become a coach and would prefer to return to rural Argentina.

"At 30 or 31, I'll call it quits," he said, dismissing the football world as "a jungle". "I could only go on if I thought I was still on top form physically... I'll go back to Argentina when I can't take any more."

Batistuta this year equalled Diego Maradona's record of 34 goals for his country.

Symbolic gestures that enable the IOC to mine a golden seam

If you are a competitor, the Olympics is the pinnacle of competition, the acid test of whether you are as good as you really think you are. If you are anything to do with sports sponsorship, the marketing of television rights or the organisation of the commercial side of human endeavour, the same is true.

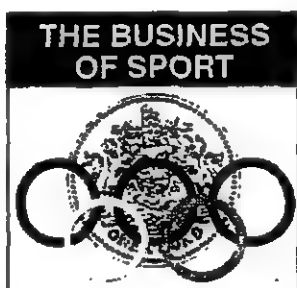
As the Games celebrate their hundredth birthday in Atlanta, one cannot help but applaud the brilliance of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in squeezing every last drop of money out of the event. Some may decry the loss of the amateur ethos, but

others realise that it had hardly existed since the Second World War, and, if you are going to embrace commercialism, you might as well be good at it.

The transformation of the Olympics from a liability, which cities took on as a loss leader in order to promote themselves, to a profitable, commercial, exercise, was brought about by a brilliant change of strategy, thought up after the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles. Essentially, the IOC realised that cutting down the number of sponsors for the Games actually improved the revenues. At Montreal, in 1976, there were 626

sponsors and the revenue was a paltry £4.6 million. Moscow, in 1980, was not really a commercial exercise but the IOC hoped that having the Games in the United States four years later would boost revenue. It did. With only 34 sponsors, the IOC made £45 million.

The IOC then devised what it calls The Olympic Programme (TOP), which was the brainchild of a Briton, Terry Payne. A handful of sponsors are given TOP status, which means they can use the famous five rings in their marketing for four years up to the next Games. The IOC polices the use of



the rings aggressively - punk rockers with too many earrings should not visit Atlanta for fear of being pounced upon by the IOC. The entry price is high. The ten

sponsors for Atlanta - Coca-Cola, Bausch & Lomb, Kodak, IBM, Panasonic, Time, Visa, Xerox, UPS and John Hancock - have paid a minimum of £26 million and the total take by the IOC is expected to exceed £350 million. Reports are that the total Olympics-related marketing expenditure of Coca-Cola, which has its headquarters in Atlanta, will be £650 million this summer.

Then there are television rights. Uefa, the governing body of European football, might cast a look over to the IOC when it is considering the pathetic £50 million received for the rights to the

European football championship. The IOC is receiving more than £450 million from the American and European television rights to the Games, yet the sale of the rights to the World Cup in France in 1998 is only raising £72 million.

The viewing figures will hardly compare. The Barcelona Olympics were watched by 16,600 million people in 193 countries. The World Cup in the United States in 1994 was seen by 32.116 million people in 188 countries, yet the Barcelona rights went for five times as much money. The IOC's deal with NBC for the 2000, 2004 and 2008 games is staggering. For American tele-

vision rights alone, it is receiving £2.3 billion.

Everything in Atlanta is for sale. The Olympic stadium will be turned into the new home of the Atlanta Braves baseball team after the tournament and the running track is being dug up. If you were quick enough you could have ordered your piece from the builders, but it is now all sold.

If there was a gold medal for commercialism in sport, the IOC should award it to itself. You might not like their methods. But you cannot say they do not work.

JASON NISSE

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Better drug controls

From Mr Robert C. Copeman
Sir, At what audience was last Tuesday's edition of *Panorama* and its Olympic drug allegations aimed? If at the general public, when Ben Johnson slaughters the rest over 100 metres, do they care how he did it? If at those of us with a lifetime of experience, it was a shallow, non-sequitur, largely reshaping previously shown vision bytes.

I was perhaps the first coach of a British Olympic gold medal-winner to purchase a machine capable of using elements of blood chemistry to monitor training more professionally and to reduce the incidence of injury and illness. When used on a regular basis, the results of blood tests can be a far better indicator of "malpractice" than random urine tests.

There will always be the risk of a third party administering illegal substances without the athlete's knowledge. The speed skater, Wilf O'Reilly, at an affordable personal expense, designed and had made a lockable sports drink bottle which has so far elicited complete lack of interest from all those parties who will most suffer if and when the next high profile "spiking" claim is made with all its subsequent litigation.

A visit to England's training camp or to any of the match venues during Euro 96 showed how easy it would be to slip tablets into the flip-top bottles used by the players and stood around the pitch. Too often we fail to support these highly-paid sportsmen professionally.

Yours very sincerely,

R. C. COPEMAN,

C.S.T.C.E.M. Ltd.,

PO Box 174,

Birmingham, B5 7PJ.

RFU takes up TV challenge

From Mr Ian Smith
Sir, The last Rugby World Cup and the recent Super 12 competition have clearly demonstrated that there is a huge amount of work for the northern hemisphere teams to do before they can hope to compete on equal terms with the best in the world.

New Zealand have clearly shown us the way forward in developing a true 15-man game based on levels of fitness, strength, power and technique with which only a few of our top players can compete.

In truth they have been professionals for a long long time and the only real way that the English game is ever going to compete is to match them in professionalism. Sadly, but quite evidently, this, amongst other things, is going to cost money.

So congratulations to the Rugby Football Union for finally recognising this and attempting to drag the English game into the Nineties by negotiating a television contract which will fairly reflect England's contribution to the five nations' championship. I applaud their courage and hope quite fervently that they will stand up to the inevitable criticism that their decision will invoke.

Once again we are being held to ransom by the Celtic fringe who have grown rich off the back of England's contribution to the competition for long enough. We must immediately call their bluff and begin to arrange a new competition with the opposition who really count in world rugby - France, Australia, South Africa and New Zealand - and leave the second division of world rugby to realise what their true value is.

I for one will not weep for a

competition which in the past five years has produced for the most part moribund 11-man rugby and an offensive amount of xenophobic knee jerk nationalism from any country that happens to be playing England at the time. Long live the five nations.

Yours sincerely,
IAN SMITH,
26a Maple Road
Leytonstone, E11.

From Mr Paul Braley
Sir, Three cheers for the Scottish, Welsh and Irish RFUs for kicking the Rugby Football Union into touch and out of the five nations' championship. In sport these days there is far too much greed and this seems to be encouraged by BSkyB.

What the English governing body has forgotten or does not realise is that the interest in rugby over the years, especially since the War, has been generated by the televising of the game by the BBC. Youngsters have been encouraged to take up the game after watching it there. This, I am sure, is evidenced by the difficulty in obtaining a ticket for internationals.

The size of the audience will decrease, as not everyone can afford to subscribe to Sky. Has the RFU thought of the possible effect this will have on the number of hospitality boxes that will be bought?

The decision of the RFU will not encourage young people to take up the game, as they will not see the international players. They will therefore not have anyone to emulate, so from where will the future internationals come?

Yours faithfully,

PAUL BRALEY,

21 Beverley Close,

Bowerhill,

Melksham, Wiltshire.

Joint body required

From Mr Charles Mercer
Sir, Many bowlers will agree with the views expressed by David Rhys Jones and others (July 16) that it has become increasingly difficult to provide satisfactory outdoor, grass greens. It is unlikely that things will improve.

I fear the Australian example of larger clubs would not work here if only because of space considerations. So, for many, the solution may be an artificial surface if one can be found.

It will need to be as good as grass, and with the same characteristics if it is to continue side by side with the many clubs that will continue to play on grass.

When the artificial green becomes an acceptable fact of life, outdoor comparisons will be made with the indoor game despite the completely different surface. Perhaps there will be a greater compatibility between the outdoor and indoor games and a sort of coming together if you like.

For this reason, and for other considerations too numerous to mention here, it seems evident that the various outdoor and indoor associations and boards should merge so that we could have an authoritative body governing the sport in all its manifestations.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES MERCER,
Blue Seas,
Watcombe Heights Road,
Torquay,
Devon.

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Spectators lacking knowledge

From Miss M. Derome
Sir, Unfortunately it seems that we are seeing a new generation of "know-nothings" (Michael Henderson, July 15).

I had the misfortune to spend the first day of the Trent Bridge Test in the William Clarke stand almost surrounded by teenagers of school age whose knowledge of cricket was minimal and whose sole aim was "to get on the telly", to which end they jeered, cheered, whistled, sang, chanted, stood on seats, climbed over seats and generally made a nuisance of themselves.

This experience makes me think that cricket watching in person at Test matches, which goes back to the Australians in 1948, as a schoolgirl, will end. Yours faithfully,
M. DEROME,
25 Belmont Gardens,
Edinburgh 12.

From Mr Fred Burrows
Sir, Whilst agreeing wholeheartedly with Michael Henderson's comments regarding the behaviour of the one-day,

rent-a-crowd oafs ruining the enjoyment of such occasions, this has happened repeatedly at Old Trafford and Headingley at most of the one day games, I have attended.

I was also at Trent Bridge on the second day of the Test and my complaint is levelled at the other end of the spectator scale, the corporate guests. Returning to their seat after lunch - usually late - they walked in front of the seated spectators during overs. Again, returning from tea, they were again late doing the same thing.

Finally, during England's innings from six o'clock to the end of play, the majority of early, clutching logo'd brolly and goodie bags, yet again walking across the views of spectators, eager to get away before the rush at end of play. Please can the sponsors indicate on their invitations what cricket is about.

Yours sincerely,
FRED BURROWS,
66 Kiln Lane,
St Helens, Merseyside.

Right champion

From Mr Kevin E. Marshall
Sir, While I have, and always have had, a great deal of respect for Simon Pender, and do not wish to detract from his many successes, I must point out that he is not, and never has been, the champion of the national Sonata class (report, July 19). That honour is currently held by Steve Goacher, as it was in 1994 and 1995.

Yours etc.,
KEVIN MARSHALL
(Chairman,
National Sonata class),
31 Carnoustie Avenue,
Gourcock,
Renfrewshire.

Code breakers

From Mr Michael Jeffels
Sir, Professional golfers and not observing section 1 of the Rules of Golf with regard to "Damage to Greens". This states that "Players should not damage the putting green by leaning on their putters, particularly when removing the ball from the hole."

Having watched the Open Championship on television, noticed players contravening this code, What can be done? Yours etc.,
MICHAEL JEFFELS,
43 Tuxford Lane,
Great Shelford,
Cambridgeshire.

MOTORCYCLING: AUSTRALIAN CONFIRMS 500C MASTERY IN EFFORTLESS STYLE AT DONINGTON PARK

Centenary celebration for Doohan

By Nick Szeczanik

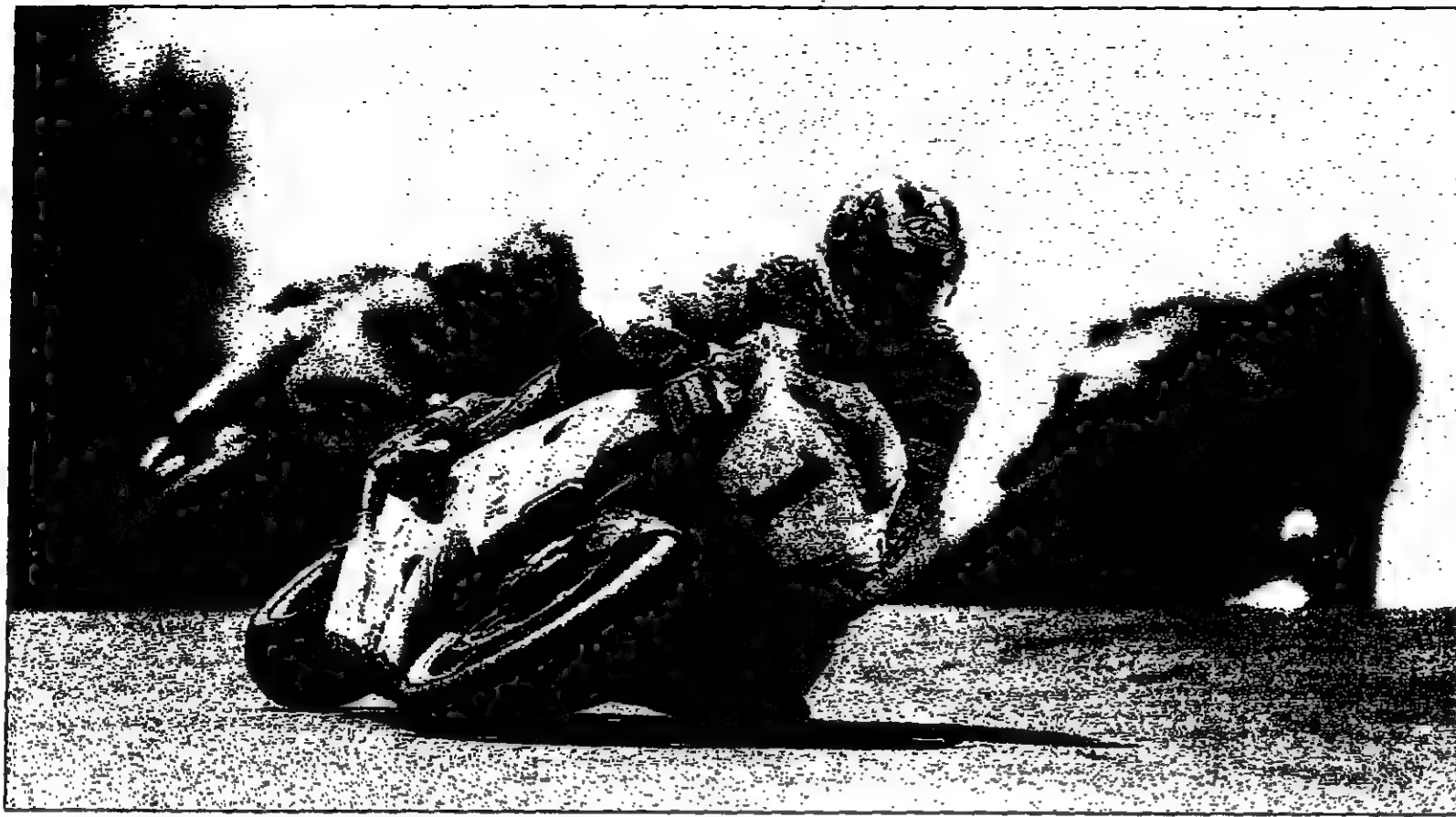
AFTER an early hiccup or two, Michael Doohan, of Australia, won the British 500cc motorcycle grand prix at Donington Park yesterday, the championship leader finishing ahead of Alex Criville, of Spain, the fourth time this season the two riders have taken first and second places respectively. It was Doohan's 32nd victory in his 100th grand prix.

Doohan, not above having his head shaved in a good cause or breaking off in the middle of the post-race press conference to present a prize to the winner of a charity event, cut a relaxed figure although motivated, he insisted, is not a problem. "I've achieved what I want to achieve, but I go on because I enjoy it, and I am enjoying it more than ever. If I don't win, I'll get the best place I can."

Contrary to expectations, the early leader was not Doohan but Kenny Roberts Jr, of the United States, until Loris Capirossi, the relatively unfancied Italian, who had grabbed second place on the grid in qualifying, overtook him on the second lap and set about building a lead.

With Jeremy McWilliams, of Britain, already a faller, it was like Wimbledon for a while as fancied performers tumbled out. Roberts departed quickly and it looked as if Japanese riders, Abe and Okada, must follow when they indulged in what a football referee might have deemed a fair shoulder charge. Hurling around Donington Park on such powerful machines is not the best time to indulge in contact sports.

The best-placed British rider, Terry Rymer, also left early after a horizontal encounter with a barrier, and Friday's best qualifier, Jean-Michel



Doohan combines strength and balance to perfection en route to his 32nd grand prix victory. Photograph: Mark Thompson/Allsport

Bayle, never made it to lap seven. That was when Capirossi glanced up as he approached a left-hand bend only to see Doohan sliding into it before him. Thereafter, the race assumed a more predictable aspect as Criville took his familiar second spot, the place he also occupies in the world championship.

The Italian, Luca Cadalora, who had won the previous grand prix in Germany found life difficult battling his way up from twelfth and, as Capirossi's star also waned, the groans from the massed

Italian media grew louder. For everyone else, however, the question was the one which must occupy Tony Blair and Bill Clinton, and probably still gives Kevin Keegan nightmares — can the leader hang on? Somehow there was never any doubt, as Doohan stretched his lead to a relatively comfortable 3.319sec by the end. Abe and Okada, so close early on, were nearly inseparable when crossing the line only 0.146sec of a second apart, but the difference was enough to give Abe third place.

"The start was hectic," Doohan said. "There was a bit of bumping, so I decided to get through the first turn, do good lap times and make it up later. I was having some trouble with my tyres, and not riding too aggressively, so I concentrated on keeping it smooth through the curves. I might have been able to go quicker, but you don't get any points for a lap record."

Alex Criville rode extremely well — I could see him out of the side of my helmet — but as the laps went by, there was less chance of his making

up the seconds. Criville looked rueful. "It was a good race," he said. "I was riding well, but it was impossible to catch him."

Max Biaggi, of Italy, won the 250cc race as expected, and was last seen under a scrum of Italian journalists. His countryman, Stefano Perugini, surprised the fancied Japanese riders to take the 125cc title.

There had been British success on Saturday evening when the favourites and championship leaders, Darren Dixon and Andy Hetherington, won the sidecar

grand prix while Steve Webster, four times world champion, finished third with David James.

Other locals proving unbeatable were the six-legged flying sort — unconquerable even with insect repellent. They may not make world-beating bikes in the Midlands anymore, but watch out for the bugs.

No flies on Michael Doohan, though. Perhaps a light spray of champagne helps to keep them off.

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Ellwood in hurry to clinch Challenger

BEN ELLWOOD, of Australia, can expect to be among the world's leading 200 after beating Ferson Wibler, of Holland, 6-4, 6-4, in the final of the Manchester Challenger tennis tournament at Didsbury. The match lasted 1hr 4min and Ellwood was always in command. It was his second Challenger win in a row after beating Nick Weal, of Britain, at Bristol last week.

Ellwood, 20, and a former Australian junior champion, collected a cheque for £4,615 before continuing his non-stop programme by flying out to Kitzbühel in Austria for a World Series event today. His all-round game gave him the edge over the 25-year-old Wibler.

Graf inquiry called off

TENNIS: Prosecutors are preparing to drop a tax evasion investigation against Steffi Graf. Der Spiegel, the Hamburg-based news weekly, reported yesterday. The magazine said the investigation would be closed soon because Graf had agreed to pay around £1.4 million. However, the trial of her father, Peter, will still begin on September 5. He is charged with evading taxes on her earnings.

Strike threat averted

SPEEDWAY: The FIM, the sport's world governing body, has averted a strike by leading riders. The International Grand Prix Speedway Riders' Association had threatened to pull out of the three remaining world championship grands prix if the FIM introduced a controversial new tyre, claiming it was unsafe. They can now continue with the conventional ones they have been using so far this season.

Close match in store

RIFLE SHOOTING: The 1,300 competitors who turn up in relays on Bisley's famous century range today for The Times Challenge Cup will have a mammoth task. The match, shot at 300 yards, is virtually certain to produce a tied result and many scores of 50. During the first two events making up the Land Rover Grand Aggregate at the weekend, there were more than 270 highest-possible scores.

Köpke moves on

FOOTBALL: Andreas Köpke, the Germany international goalkeeper, yesterday signed a two-year contract with Middlesbrough, who have just won promotion back to the first division in France. Köpke, one of the stars of Germany's European championship victory, had played for Eintracht Frankfurt since 1994, but decided to move after he was relegated from the Bundesliga at the end of last season.

RACING RESULTS FROM SATURDAY

Newmarket

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Jennai Cox decides to give windsurfing a try, and discovers that women fall off less often than men do

It's as easy as falling off a board

When windsurfers arrived on Weymouth beach for its Speed Week 20 years ago, the yachting enthusiasts laughed. None believed a sail attached to what resembled an ironing board would be capable of racing.

Boardsailors are now among the fastest non-engine powered vehicles on water, reaching 45 knots.

With two British champions competing in the Atlanta Olympics, the windsurfing industry wants to raise the profile of the sport. Affiliated organisations are committed to a five-year development programme and the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) is running activities throughout the summer to give families a chance to sail.

RYA training is considered some of the best in the world, and guarantees to have any newcomer sailing within hours, so I thought I would give it a try with the Aqua Sport Company at Mercers Park, in Surrey. Lessons start with a demonstration on a simulated board of how to get on, sail into and away from the wind, and turn. Many windsurfers are put off by their first experience. Bad weather or insufficient instruction are the main culprits. With step-by-step tuition the first sail should be a thrilling experience.

After an hour's coaching, including trying the rescue position, I was declared ready for water. Women are said to learn faster than men. To test the theory that women have better balance I was told to jump up and down on the board. The attempt to get me used to falling in failed — I stayed on.

Using the rope I then crouched, hauled up the sail and tried to gauge the wind direction. To my surprise I was soon sailing, tacking and gybing (basic turning) but never really knowing whether the board was going up or downwind. Memorising technicalities is not important; with practice and experimentation boardsailors learn to feel the wind.

Sudden gusts of wind can be anticipated by watching shadows on the water. These gusts sent the board skimming and the thrill has been described as being the closest to flying without leaving the ground. Real skill comes with controlling the sail in strong wind. Holding the boom, the hand nearest the back of the board acts as an accelerator, but then when I tried to slow down I fell in.

At the beginning it is technique, not physical strength, and concentration that are required. Thinking about the direction of the wind, the positioning of your feet and keeping your back straight can be enough to set you off balance. While constantly falling in the water can be tiring, windsurfing is excellent exercise. Shoulder, back, leg and stomach muscles can all be felt to be working.

Having mastered the basics and falling off only three times, I was awarded level 1 by the day's end. RYA qualifica-

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tions are internationally recognised and holders can sail any open water in the UK. With balance and determination, it is not as hard as it looks.

The same cannot be said for the antics of expert windsurfers, numbering about 20,000 in Britain, who, on shorter boards with smaller sails for greater speed, perform jumps and back loops and sail in waves surfboarders would avoid. But for the 100,000 recreational windsurfers the sport offers speed with safety.

What excites windsurfers is the ongoing innovation in the sport. Its invention was the subject of a courtroom dispute in the 1980s when an American manufacturer, trying to secure world patent rights, claimed two US surfers had tried it first in California in 1968. However, Peter Chilvers, who ten years earlier at the age of 12 used a tent, fly sheet, plywood and curtain rings to make his first sailboard on Hayling Island, was found to be the inventor.

Technological advances mean rigs and boards, now made with carbon fibre, are lighter and wetsuits warmer than ten years ago. Sails come in sizes from two to ten metres and the price of equipment is going down. A full set of new gear costs more than £1,000 but second hand can be bought for £500.

Watersport centres can teach the deaf, blind and disabled, as well as the elderly and young children; you only need to know how to swim.

At one of 264 centres approved by the RSA, eight hours of teaching, up to level 1, costs about £60 and almost everyone, according to research, lives within ten miles of a centre.

To my surprise I found I was soon sailing, tacking and gybing

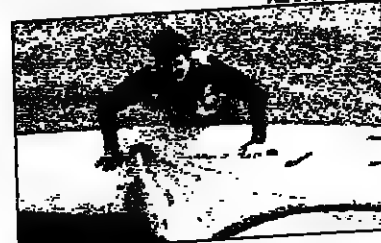


This sport offers speed with safety, and you can feel your shoulder, back, leg and stomach muscles working

GETTING ON, GETTING UP

LINE IT UP

Position the board perpendicular to the wind with the rig lying downwind. Stand beside the board and place your hands on the centreline either side of the mast. If the alignment is wrong in shallow water you can simply walk the rig round to the correct position.



JUMP ABOARD

Jump or haul yourself up onto the board. The essential thing now is to get a knee up so that you can then lever yourself into the kneeling position and place yourself as close as possible to the centre of the board.



ON YOUR KNEES

Once in the kneeling position, with your weight over the centre of the board, take hold of the uphaul with the hand nearest the front of the board. This provides a little more stability. Check again that the board and sail are correctly orientated across the wind.



HOLD TIGHT

Holding the uphaul with both hands for support, come up onto one knee. (It is important to try this sequence in good, preferably sunny, conditions the first time. A wind speed of more than force 3 is certain to cause problems.)



PULL IT UP

Once you have got sufficient leverage, you can now come up onto both feet, and — with back straight and knees bent — start to apply some weight to the uphaul, to begin to pull the sail out of the water.



HEAVE HO!

Simultaneously leaning back on the uphaul and straightening the legs should actually provide all the effort necessary to lift the rig from the water. Windsurfing is about technique, not strength, so let your body weight do the work. Bring in the uphaul, hand over hand, as the sail comes up.



READY TO SAIL

As the sail starts to lift you can stand more fully upright, keeping your back straight, head up and pushing with your thighs rather than bending your arms. It helps if you pull the rig slightly towards the nose of the board to slide it out of the water, rather than just trying to heave it up.



Phone book

The Aqua Sports Company, Mercers Park, Surrey (01737 644288)
SSM Freesports and the British Trade Federation offer information on how to get started (0171-376 7446)
Royal Yachting Association, the governing body, is organising family taster days (01703 627400)
UK Board Sailing Association, for long board sailing (01529 664779)
British Windsurfing Association, for short board sailing (01705 468182)
British Windsurfing World Cup 1996 is in Brighton from September 4-8 (0171-352 6742)

WHAT TO BUY

Ring the Royal Yachting Association for your nearest shop or dealership. Prices from Surf Sales of Folkestone, Kent, one of the largest distributors of windsurfing equipment. They are middle to top of the market. (01303 850553)

BOARDS

Surf-tight (long board, 3m 80cm), glided and suitable for all winds £899
Escape (long board, 3m 40cm) for the more experienced surfer £600
Free ride streamer (short board, 2m 70cm) for wave-riding £799

SAILS

The round rig for beginners (5m 70cm) £190
North Sail Spectro rig for the more experienced (7m). £699

WETSUITS AND ACCESSORIES

Spartan winter and summer wetsuits in any size £149-£350
Dakine harness £50
Gearbags with wet and dry compartments £50

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

The defence on today's hand is difficult. If you got it right at the table, you would be in the top 100 players in the country. It occurred in the high-stake game at TGR's a few weeks ago.

Dealer South Love all Rubber bridge

♠	♥	♦	♣
AKJ53	QJ87	AK102	AK1098
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8	8	7	7
7	7	6	6
6	6	5	5
5	5	4	4
4	4	3	3
3	3	2	2
2	2	1	1
1	1	0	0

Contract: Six Hearts by South. Lead: two of clubs

♠	♥	♦	♣
2H (1)	Pass	3H	Pass
3S	Pass	4D (2)	Pass
4NT (3)	Pass	5D (4)	Pass
6H	All Pass		

(1) Acol Two. (2) Cue-bid. (3) Blackwood. (4) One ace.

What should East do after winning the first club? In practice he tried a second high club. Declarer ruffed, drew trumps and played off all his trumps and spades. That reduced everyone to three cards; as West had four that he wanted to keep (jack of spades and QJ8 of diamonds), he was squeezed out of a trick and so the declarer made the last three, and twelve in all.

To break up the squeeze, East had to return a diamond at trick three. This is how he should reason: declarer obviously can't have a second club, as he has volunteered a slam as soon as his partner showed one ace. And presumably declarer has the other two aces —

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

CHAROSET
a. A mixture of apples
b. A dwarf harp
c. A French artist

GWELY
a. Chemical found in 1923
b. A social unit
c. Island in the Indian Ocean

DIOCH
a. Microscopic insect
b. Cheese dip
c. An African bird

BOUZOUKI
a. The Greek mandoline
b. A Spanish wine
c. A Greek dance

Answers on page 46

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

England wins

The England team has got off to a flying start in the Glorney Cup Junior International team tournament at Glenalmond College, Perthshire. In the first round England crushed Germany by the score of 4-1 while in round two England defeated France by 3-2.

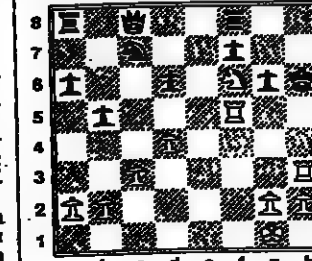
White: Houska (England)
Black: Roser (France)
Glorney Cup, July 1996

Torre Attack

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Black resigns

Diagram of final position



Black resigns

Times book

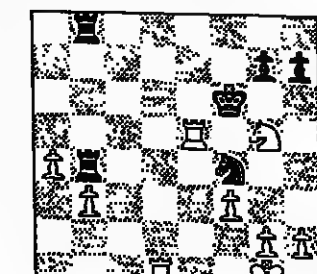
The Times Winning Moves 2 contains 240 chess puzzles from international grandmaster Raymond Keene's daily column in The Times, and is available now from bookshops or from B. T. Batsford Ltd (tel: 01376 321276) at £6.99 plus postage and packing.

□ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. Game Tolush - Randviir, USSR 1947. White is three pawns ahead in this end game, his rook and knight are threatened and Black is also planning ... Rxb3 regaining a pawn and invading with his rooks. How did White win?



Solution, page 46

Six out of ten for exhilaration

Robert Crampton tries his hand at the skill of sailing on tarmac

WHEN I was asked to go landyaching in Cornwall I immediately thought of a huge, hard, golden beach, a bit like the one the athletes trained on in *Chariots of Fire*, and so I said yes, and set off for Perranporth without delay.

Trouble is, although Perranporth does indeed boast such a beach — three miles long, half a mile wide at low tide, and although when landyaching came to Britain as a sport in the 1960s it was to Perranporth that it came, you are no longer allowed to landyacht here. Dogs chase you, sunbathers get run over, children building sandcastles become depressed. I ended up at an airfield instead.

Never mind. Landyachts go faster on tarmac than they do on sand, and you don't get covered in grit and salt water. However, tarmac hurts more if you fall out. Plus, this being an active airfield, you have to avoid sailing into anybody's

propeller, because that would ruin your day.

At this airfield — the former RAF Perranporth up on the cliffs — the wind is stronger than at sea level. The general rule is that a basic yacht with a windsurf sail — the type beginners use — can go up to twice the prevailing wind-speed. Custom-built racing land yachts will go at three times the wind-speed. The record is 96mph. Ice yachts, from which land yachts developed, go even faster — the record is 165mph. Today, however, our maximum attainable speed is about 30mph.

There are eight beginners and two instructors, Craig Brown and Brian Phillips, of Windsport International. Windsport is mostly concerned with sailing, get wet type sailing, but they introduced landyaching two years ago for corporate clients who don't want to spoil their hair-dos and because people can pick up the basics.

A land yacht is a fibreglass cockpit on a stainless steel chassis attached to three rubber wheels. The whole body is about eight feet long and four feet wide at the back wheels.

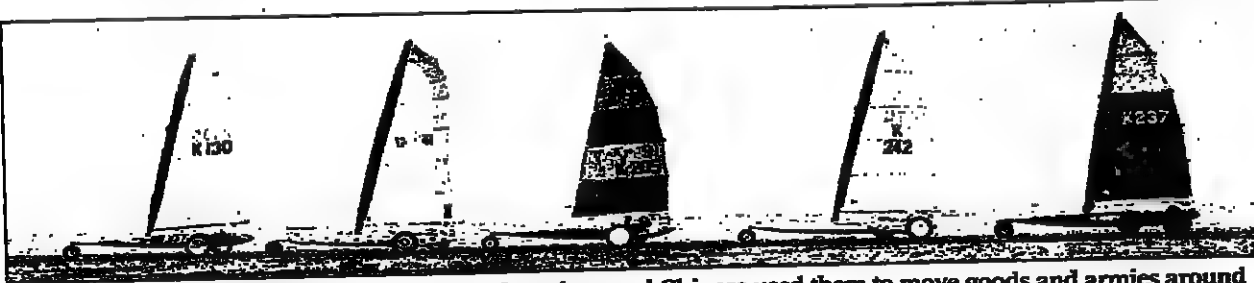
Landyachts have come some way since the Egyptians and the Chinese used them to move goods and armies around 4,000 years ago, but they are still basic bits of equipment. You sit in the cockpit and steer the front wheel with two foot pedals. There's a bit of fun to be had in realising there are no brakes.

It doesn't last long because there's no accelerator either.

The power arrives when you attach the 5-metre square Decron sail. You trim this sail in or out according to the wind and how fast you want to go by means of a hand-held bit of rope called a mainsheet, which is tied to the back of a boom around the sail.

I spent a pleasant ten minutes pottering up and down the runway in figure of eights around two cones, doing cautious "tack" turns into the wind. On a scale of exhilaration from one to ten, I'd give it a six. I wanted to go a bit faster and was told that the more you increase the speed, the further the "apparent" wind you create moves through a 90-degree arc, from the true wind to the side towards the front thus enabling you to go even faster. Got that? Never mind, it's still good clean fun.

Windsport International: 01326 376191



Landyachts have come some way since the Egyptians and Chinese used them to move goods and armies around

Capitalisation, week's change

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

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RESULTS AND STATISTICS

TODAY

Interims: Thom EMI (first quarter), SmithKline Beecham, Final: Abstract Scotland Investment, Tomorrow's Leisure, Economic statistics: US Treasury, auction of short-term T-bills and June budget statement.

TOMORROW

Interims: Bridon Estate, Ean, M&G Equity Investment Trust, St Modwen Properties, Temple Bar Investment Trust, Updown Investment, Final: Barbour Index, KS Biomedix, Meritmore Abbey, Wholesale Plastics, Economic statistics: Bank of England £3.5 billion gilt auction, CBI July industrial trends survey, US Treasury two-year auction, US Treasury announces the size of short-term T-bills, Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan testifies to House banking committee on the second day of Humphrey-Hawkins testimony.

WEDNESDAY

Interims: Allied Textile, Beta Global Emerging, Bullough, Lloyds Abbey Life, Mashead Insurance, Underwriting, Murray International Trust, Reuters, Spargo Consulting, Final: Vibropiant, Birkby, Eurodis Electron, Mervin-Swain, Rubicon, Mosaic Investments, Economic statistics: June retail sales, US Treasury five-year note auction.

THURSDAY

Interims: Admiral, Ayrahtre Metal, British Telecom (first quarter), ICI, RPS Group, Witan Investment, Final: Sidney C Banks, Creighton's Naturally, Murray Income Trust, Economic statistics: May global trade balance, June non-EU trade balance, Bundesbank central council meeting, US weekly jobless claims.

FRIDAY

Interims: Corporate Services, Gregg, Lex Service, Rushmore Wynne Group, Final: Angelsen Underwriting, Electric & General, Jersey Phoenix Trust, Economic statistics: Second-quarter preliminary GDP, June major banking groups mortgage lending.

SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: Buy T&N, Manders, Babcock. The Sunday Telegraph: Buy Thorn EMI, Midland Independent. The Independent on Sunday: Buy Zeneca, Sell Land Securities. The Mail on Sunday: Hold Dana Petroleum, Independent Radio Group.

COMPANIES

KAREN ZAGOR

SmithKline seeks growth tonic



Sir Brian Pitman, chief executive of Lloyds TSB, gives the first merged figures on Friday

SMITHKLINE BEECHAM: The pharmaceutical group will today launch the interim reporting season with its second-quarter results. It will be far too early to see whether the company's new drug for Parkinson's disease, which was recently approved for marketing in the UK, has had an impact, but analysts will be looking for signs of a return to double-digit earnings growth.

UBS expects a 13 per cent improvement in pre-tax profits to £340 million, with earnings per share of 8.2p and dividends of 4p per share. However, the improved profits picture, helped by better cost savings and an improvement in Clinical Labs, could be dampened by continuing poor cash flow.

THORN EMI: The leisure and hotels group's impending merger is likely to overshadow any figures in today's first-quarter results. Estimated profits are in the £70 million region (£64 million). The group is being valued at between £16.70 and £19 a share.

LLOYDS TSB: The first set of interim figures from the newly merged bank should provide interesting reading on Friday. Salomon Brothers is looking for pre-tax profits of £1.14 billion, with earnings per share of 14p. The predicted dividend of 4.3p will be a balance between Lloyds' final dividend and TSB's interim.

Looking forward, Salomon expects full-year profits of £2.36 billion as savings from the merger become apparent.

BRITISH TELECOM: It is unlikely that the telecommunications giant's first-quarter results will spring anything that will have anywhere near the

impact of OfTel's pricing proposals. NatWest Securities is looking for a 3 per cent decline in pre-tax profits to £851 million, and earnings per

share to 8.9p. Stripping out a £50 million redundancy charge, earnings will be 1 per cent higher. Analysts will be more concerned with discover-

ing whether BT has accepted or rejected the regulator's revised proposals. The company's decision is expected next week.

REUTERS: Analysts will be looking ahead to details of a new generation of 3,000 products rather than backwards to historical performance when Reuters unveils its first-half figures on Wednesday.

Pre-tax profits should grow about 17 per cent to £323 million, with earnings per share of 13.6p and a dividend of 2.9p. The Intenet and Globex dealing screens contributed to strong figures in the first quarter and are expected to continue to help in the second, offsetting more sedentary revenue growth from information products.

ICI: Gloom and doom have already been predicted for the UK's biggest chemicals company for the second quarter, and some analysts fear the performance may be worse than the recently revised estimates.

The chief culprit is polyester. PET, used to make polyester bottles, once fuelled group profits. But a glut of new plants has led to over-supply, hitting prices. Pre-tax interim profits, released on Thursday, are expected to tumble to £400 million from £510 million, with earnings per share dropping to 31.7p from 41.6p. Despite these depressing figures, led by weakness from the industrial division, the net dividend is expected to rise to 12.5p (11.5p).

Manufacturing recovery in the spotlight

THE British statistical week gets under way tomorrow with the Confederation of British Industry's monthly and quarterly *Industrial Trends* survey, which will be closely analysed for signs of a recovery in manufacturing industry in July.

On Wednesday, June retail sales are published. Sales volumes are expected to have risen 0.8 per cent after May's

decline of 0.1 per cent, according to the consensus of market forecasts from MMS International. This would take year-on-year growth in sales to 2.3 per cent, from 2.0 per cent in May.

On Thursday, there are May world trade figures, expected to show a deficit of £1.3 billion, the same as in April. Non-European Union trade for June is expected to show a shortfall of

£800 million, again the same magnitude as the deficit in May.

Friday ends the week with preliminary figures for second-quarter gross domestic product. The economy is expected to have grown 0.6 per cent in the quarter, giving a year-on-year growth rate of 2.0 per cent (0.4 per cent in first quarter and 1.9 per cent year on year). Among other developments to watch

for are the Bundesbank's council meeting on Thursday, the last before the summer recess, for any change to German interest rates. And there will be more testimony tomorrow from Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve, on the American economy.

JANET BUSH

GILT-EDGED

Four wishes for the Chancellor as election looms

It is not hard to guess Kenneth Clarke's four wishes for the coming year. He would like to cut interest rates, cut taxes, see the Conservatives re-elected, and then see the Government move towards European Monetary Union (EMU). Even if he is only likely to get three of the wishes, this promises good news for gilts.

The biggest barrier to the Chancellor's first wish is the Governor of the Bank of England. At their June 5 meeting, Eddie George objected to the quarter-point cut in bank base rates.

Mr George's focus on inflationary risks of a pick-up in consumer spending suggests that if the Chancellor pushes for another rate cut soon, he is unlikely to be quick to agree. Since Mr Clarke will not want to intensify the rift with the Governor, he is likely to hold fire at their next meeting, on July 30. Another cut would risk a riposte in the Bank's *Inflation Report* in August.

However, evidence this summer is likely to continue to go Mr Clarke's way, letting him cut rates again in the autumn. The coming months may provide a good test of fears, shared by the Bank, that consumer-led growth will trigger higher inflation.

It is true that the economy is set to accelerate in the coming year, boosted by rising real incomes, tax cuts and lower interest rates, but this is no 1980s-style boom. Producer price inflation is falling so sharply that there is room for a sharp rise in retail margins and a fall in retail price inflation. Underlying inflation may go below 2.5 per cent in September, back in the Government's target range. So, another quarter-point off base rates is on the cards then or in October.

No doubt there will be claims that the cut is "politic-

ally motivated". Whichever way you look at it, the gilts market is likely to be a public borrower's friend. His tactics as a spending minister are curbed, the press briefed that the public round will be buying prepared everyone worst, the Chancellor again be able to modest tax cuts while taining a prudent PS

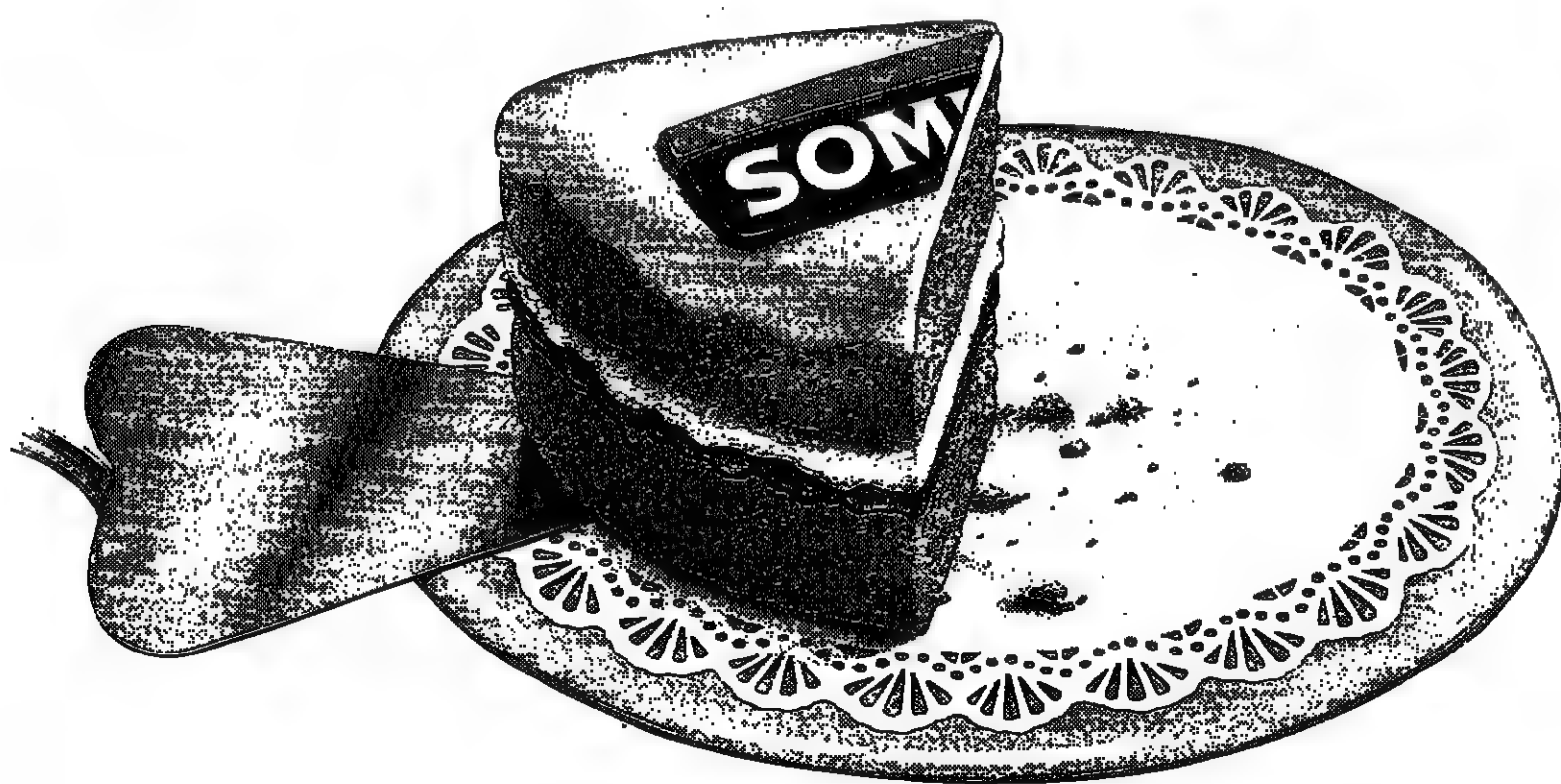
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Mr Clarke may be able to cut interest rates. More doubt whether this will be to help to achieve his wish — to see the Conservatives re-elected; Labour's lead is narrow may be too big to do.

The irony is that Clarke is likely to leave Labour only in good shape EMU criteria, with under control and better placed than I meet the crucial but Labour's EMU stance will, in itself, positive reassurance gilt market, but it will reinforce pressure to: benign inheritance, raise a wry smile! Clarke at the Conservative electoral funeral.

MARK HSB

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Health care of elderly should be met by NHS

By MARIANNE CURPHEY

Government has been by the National Council of "tinkering at" of the problem of care for Britain's elderly population. The proposals, put in a White Paper in 1994, were unlikely to prove unfair and benefit only a small number of people, according to a report published last week.

Government has prime opportunity to offer consumers more choice, the NCC claims. The Government to that all long-term care needs are met by the National Health Service, reduce inequalities in care available to people in different parts of the country.

TOURIST RATES

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BT to decide on OfTel package

By OUR CITY STAFF

BT is to hold a board meeting tomorrow to decide whether to accept or reject the regulatory package proposed by OfTel, the telecommunications regulator.

Rejection of the regulatory package would automatically trigger an inquiry by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Don Cruickshank, the Director-General of OfTel, has allowed BT until August 2 to make a decision.

BT said that it can accept the new pricing formula but is resisting the proposed fair trading clause because it denies the company a right of appeal. The company is not expected to reveal its decision on the regulatory package until next week.

In a separate development, BT has played down speculation that it is set to mount a bid for EDS, the information technology company that was recently spun off from General Motors of America.

Sherwood attacks sell-off

By JONATHAN PRYNN, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

The head of one of the first rail franchises to be privatised has attacked the British Rail sell-off, warning that passengers could be forced to pay more for poorer train services.

James Sherwood, president of Sea Containers, awarded the seven-year franchise for the East Coast Main Line in March, said privatisation "is being accomplished with little or no commitment to capital investment."

"Unless the various parties involved in the newly fragmented railways worked closely together, there will be no improvement," he said. "Passengers will wind up paying more to travel on a deteriorating railway."

He had argued for 35-year franchises to allow investment in new rolling stock and improved stations. Through "political interference", franchises had been saddled with "absurd or unworkable" commitments, he said.

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Pearson aims to expand TV side with stake in Flextech

By ERIC REGALY

PEARSON, the media and entertainment group that owns the *Financial Times*, is negotiating to buy a stake in Flextech, the cable and satellite programmer, as part of a bid to expand its television interests.

The deal is expected to be signed within a couple of months and would make Pearson a shareholder in Britain's second largest source of pay-TV channels, after BSkyB, the satellite broadcaster, which is 40 per

cent owned by News International, publisher of *The Times*.

The deal would put Pearson in the company of some of America's top media and programming groups. Flextech is half owned by Telecommunications Inc, the leading cable-TV company. US West, the regional telephone company that controls TeleWest Communications, Britain's largest cable company, has 10 per cent of Flextech, while Hallmark Entertainment, the producer of made-for-TV movies, has 9 per cent. The negotiations

between Pearson and Flextech are complex because Flextech wants Pearson to swap its stake in two Flextech channels — UK Gold and UK Living — for a Flextech stake.

Pearson owns about 20 per cent of UK Gold, whose programmes are drawn from the libraries of the BBC and Thames Television. Flextech has 27 per cent and wants to raise its UK Gold stake because it is the first non-BSkyB channel to go into profit. Pearson also has about 22 per cent of UK Living, the women's channel in which Flextech has 31 per cent.

Swapping its stakes in UK Gold and UK Living with Flextech would give Pearson between 5 and 8 per cent of Flextech. At current market prices, that is worth about £50 million.

Neither Flextech nor Pearson would comment on the talks. Flextech is said to be keen on recruiting Pearson as a direct shareholder because Pearson has emerged as a leading source of TV programming. An official close to the talks said: "This would lock in Pearson as a supplier."

Pearson is devoting more re-

sources to television as part of its long-term strategy of focusing on international businesses in the media, entertainment and leisure sectors. Under Greg Dyke, chief executive of Pearson Television, the division is growing especially fast.

The division includes Thames Television, Grundy Worldwide, the producer of *Neighbours*, Financial Times Television, a stake in Channel 5, the production arm of Select-TV, and ACL, the programme distributor in the US.

□ The Mirror Group has joined a

long list of potential bidders for Westminster Press, the regional newspaper company that was put on the auction block by Pearson last month.

However, the Mirror Group is thought to be unwilling to get into a serious bidding war because it is concerned that Westminster's recent circulation losses may be irreversible. Other potential bidders include Independent Newspapers of Ireland and Newsquest, the American-backed group that owns the former Reed regional newspapers.

Energy shares on way

The 600,000 new shares in Bp Energy, the private nuclear power generator, will be offered through a public offering this week.

Dealing costs mean that investors, who more than half of the billion issue, cannot expect a profit unless the share rises well above the first instalment.

CBI call

The Government has made a series of changes, including a new inheritance tax, to encourage investment in small firms. The Confederation of British Industry says CBI leaders call for their steps to "develop a climate in which entrepreneurship and talent flourish".

Output high

Regions that have attracted foreign investment are bucking the weak national trend for manufacturing output. A new study by Business Statistics, the economics consultancy, says that Scotland, Wales, the Midlands and North Ireland, magnets for inward investment, have seen relatively strong growth this year.

Pay rising

Pay settlements are following inflation downwards, a new study by the independent pay survey company, says today. Latest review of current wage movements shows rises averaging 2 to 4 per cent, with more than 35 per cent of firms

NatWest bill

The National Westminster Bank refused to comment last night on a report that restructuring branches would wipe half-way profits. City analysts believe interim results early next week feature a pre-tax loss of about £100 million.

Elf denial

Elf, the French oil company, denied a report it has put its UK refining and marketing operations up for sale for more than £300 million.

Vital vote on future of Costain

By OUR DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

THE two Middle East shareholders who control the fate of one of Britain's best-known builders were keeping their silence over the weekend before today's vital annual meeting. If sufficient investors vote today against the refinancing of Costain, the company has said it has no alternative but to call in the receivers.

Between them two Middle East builders, Kharafi of Kuwait and Raytheon of Saudi Arabia, hold 38 per cent of the company. The former has said it will vote against the proposals and the Saudi concern is also thought to oppose them.

Kharafi rejects Costain's plans for a £74 million rights issue because this could give up to a 40 per cent stake to intra, a new Malaysian investor. The company believes the plan would provide the Malaysians with effective control of Costain on the cheap.

Instead the Kuwaitis want a standstill accord with Costain's bankers, to allow for a fresh review of strategy and a new and slower rescue process.

Dealing in Costain's shares has been suspended at the company's request until a financial restructuring to reduce its £76 million debts.

Shareholders ready for test of strength on Greenbury

Two 'fat cat' deals face defeat

By MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

THE Greenbury code on corporate practice, and the attempt to cut back on "fat cat" greed, faces its toughest test in a week of heated protest at annual shareholder meetings. At least two generous executive plans face defeat.

The two toughest tests for Greenbury, which lays down stricter controls before executives can pay themselves huge bonuses, both come on Friday. Shareholders of two merged providers of power and water, United Utilities and Hyder, will that day give their verdicts on the incentives, which have sparked strong protest.

United Utilities was created out of the merger of Norweb and North West Water, while Hyder is the renamed Welsh Water and South Wales Electricity. This week, other privatised companies may face tough questioning from shareholders over what directors are paid.

However, geographical distance may play a mitigating role. The meetings for East Midlands Electricity, Southern Electric and National Power are also on Friday, at widely different locations.

Yorkshire Water, where shareholder pressure groups are opposing the appointment of Brandon Gough as chairman, meets the previous day. Last week the pressure mounted on United, chaired

by Sir Desmond Plither, to water down the planned long-term incentives package for executives, which is designed to remunerate them for additional stress and strain resulting from the merger. The company's largest shareholder, Norwich Union with 3.4 per cent, is opposed to the proposed long-term incentive plan in spite of attempts by Brian Staples, United's chief executive, to broker a peace.

Sources close to United were insisting last night that the opposition, as it had so far emerged, would not be enough to overturn the incentive scheme, which gives directors up to 87.5 per cent of their salary over a three-year period. But pressure groups as influential as the Association of British Insurers and the National Association of Pension Funds, the professional bodies for institutional investors, and Pensions Investment Research Consultants (PIRC) have ruled it unacceptable under the Greenbury code.

They have complained about the sheer complexity of the scheme and the fact that bonuses are triggered if the company outperforms the market as a whole, rather than comparable utilities as required by Greenbury. The latter complaint is echoed by protesters among the ranks of Hyder shareholders.

As many as a dozen of United's institutional investors are expected to vote against the plan, with others set to abstain. A sufficiently large protest vote, and a defeat for the board, would be an extraordinary coup for the pressure groups. It could also put other such executive remuneration schemes at risk.



"Fat cat" rows have overshadowed £400 million spent by water companies on cleaner beaches such as this one at Porthmeor, Cornwall

D-Day for £3.4bn defence contracts

By OLIVER AUGUST

DEFENCE contracts worth as much as £3.4 billion could be awarded this week after last-minute lobbying by British and American manufacturers.

The main contract on the Ministry of Defence list is for a new £2 billion RAF maritime patrol aircraft. The Cabinet is to decide whether to refit the existing Nimrod, or buy the newly-developed Orion double-prop aircraft.

A British Aerospace partnership with Boeing, with

GEC Marconi providing the electronics, is behind the Nimrod refitting, while the Orion would be produced by Lockheed Martin, also with involvement from GEC Marconi. While both consortiums claim to use a maximum of British expertise and labour, the BAE plan is thought to have the edge.

Earlier speculation had favoured the BAE bid but since the delay, there are rumours of strong political support for

the Orion. Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, is said to be backing Orion, while Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, is closer to the BAE bid.

The second contract, worth £725 million, is also for the RAF. A mix of British and American companies are involved in the bidding to build a tank-busting anti-armour missile. GEC is the favourite to win, although a decision on the deal could have to await

the November Budget. The third contract is for a conventionally armed stand-off missile, valued at £650 million. Of the seven bidding consortiums, the favourite is BAE in conjunction with Matra of France.

Later this summer an announcement on a £4 billion investment in the production lines for the Eurofighter aircraft is expected.

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Goldman Sachs acquires CINMan

By MARTIN WALLER

ONE of the longest-awaited deals in the fund-management industry will be completed today when Goldman Sachs, the American securities house, acquires British Coal's CIN Management (CINMan).

Agreement was reached between the two parties yesterday, and a formal signing will take place today, with completion subject to certain regulatory formalities.

But the most significant of such clearances — approval from the Department of Trade and Industry for the American group to take control of the fund — has already been granted.

CINMan is one of the City's most powerful investment groups, with £15 billion of marketable securities under management. No price for the deal has been announced, but

Goldman is thought to be paying between £40 million and £50 million.

The CINMan deal has fallen through once. The price being paid by Goldman is somewhat below the £70 million agreed with an earlier buyer, Friends Provident, last December.

In all, the disposal of CINMan has taken a total of 16 months. It is the second sale of British Coal's pension-related activities, which are being transferred to private-sector management.

In October CinVen, manager of the venture-capital assets of the coal and railways pension schemes, went to a management buy-out.

The third sale, of British Coal's property management business, controlling £1.4 billion of assets, is expected in the autumn.

Caterpillar may scupper Lucas deal

CATERPILLAR, the largest maker of earthmoving equipment, is said to be considering a bid for Vartey, the American motor components company. Such a move would scupper the £3.2 billion merger agreed by Vartey with Lucas, the British engineer.

Lucas would not comment on speculation, and Vartey and Caterpillar could not be reached. A Lucas spokesman said: "We're strongly committed to the merger."

Caterpillar, based in Peoria, Illinois, is expanding after a severe restructuring programme in the 1980s and is thought to be most interested in Perkins, the diesel engine subsidiary of Vartey.

Lucas is to seek shareholder approval for the merger at an extraordinary general meeting on August 13. Shareholders of Vartey, of Buffalo, New York State, are due to vote on the deal a week later.

Court threat to Leeds bid

By JASON NISSE

THE controversial £16.5 million bid for Leeds United, the Premiership football club, by Caspian, the media group that owns the rights to Paddington Bear, could be blocked today in the High Court.

Peter Gilman, deputy chairman of Leeds and owner of 34 per cent of its shares, is asking the court to enforce a shareholder agreement he says he has with two other directors, Bill Fotherby and Leslie Silver, which would force them to sell out to Mr Gilman rather than Caspian.

Mr Gilman wants to accept

a rival offer from Conrad, the leisurewear group, which would value Leeds at £20 million.

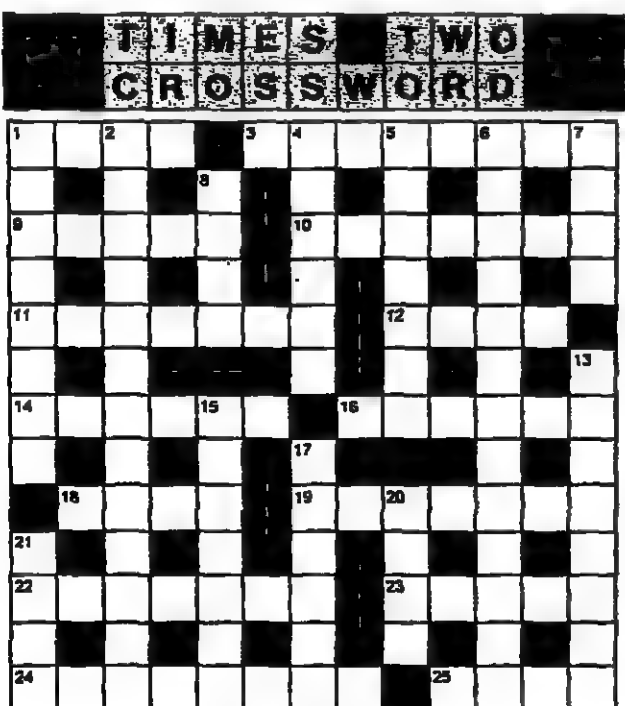
Mr Justice Rattle will decide whether an agreement was actually entered into when the three main shareholders in Leeds converted so-called "management shares" into ordinary shares last summer, increasing their holding to 99 per cent.

Mr Gilman and Caspian have been engaged in a war of words over the takeover since the Leeds board agreed to back Caspian rather than Conrad's bid two weeks ago.

A third bid from RGL, the Norwegian fishing and football conglomerate, was rejected out of hand.

Last week both Mr Gilman and Caspian wrote to Leeds shareholders attacking the other side.

On Friday Caspian said Mr Gilman's building company, GMI, had benefited from £11.5 million of contracts at Leeds over the past five years. In Caspian's circular earlier this month, the contracts are mentioned as having been "negotiated on an arm's length basis or as a result of tendering process."



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Dole aims to show US he is fit to run for the presidency

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

BOB DOLE, who turns 73 today, sought to head off concerns about his age yesterday by disclosing medical records that show him to be in excellent health and full of energy.

If Mr Dole captures the White House in November, he will be the oldest American elected to a first term as president, and only five months younger than Ronald Reagan was at the start of his second term.

Mr Dole's doctors said there was no medical reason why he should not serve two four-year terms. But, in an unprecedented gesture, the Republican challenger said that if serious doubts arose about his mental or physical capacity during his presidency he would willingly undergo an independent medical examination.

This reassurance has been made all the more imperative by the latest New York Times/CBS News poll showing that a third of the voters believe Mr Dole's age makes him less able to be an effective President. They worry about his stamina and that he is out of touch with younger Americans.

Mr Dole's health is remarkable, given his medical history and physical limitations. His grievous wounds from the Second World War left him

with a withered right arm and only one kidney. He has undergone surgery for prostate cancer, kidney stones, two polyps in his colon and a hernia. His latest check-up has shown no recurrence of prostate cancer five years after the operation.

Mr Dole weighs 12 stone 10 lb, stands 6ft 11 in, has a low blood pressure of 110/74, a peak heart rate of 140 on a treadmill, and a cholesterol reading of 152 compared with an average of 217 for men his age. His electrocardiogram shows no sign of heart disease. He says his memory remains sharp.

He takes two prescription drugs to control cholesterol, as well as treatments for heartburn and diverticulosis, a common bowel disorder, non-steroid anti-inflammatory drugs as needed, and an occasional sleeping pill.

There are conflicting accounts of whether he gave up smoking in the mid-1960s or early 1980s. He admits to stopping several times and finding the habit difficult to break, despite his recent claim, since withdrawal, that cigarettes are not addictive.

Mr Dole keeps his waistline trim by working out for 20 to 30 minutes three or four days a week on a treadmill and a rowing machine. He sticks to a low-fat, high-fibre diet and tries to go to bed by 10.30pm for seven to eight hours of sleep. He jokes that getting up before dawn "ought to be outlawed". He dyes his hair and his doctors wish he would spend less time working on his run-tan.

"He has learnt discipline and has a drive to keep his body in tiptop shape," said Charles Peck, his doctor. His commitment to staying healthy came from the 39 months of agonising treatment and rehabilitation for his war wounds.

Mr Dole is described by gerontologists who study aging as "young old", as distinct from "old old", meaning those over 85. Based on the national average, his life expectancy is 10.7 years; Mr Clinton's is 27 years.

Mr Dole told The Washington Post that voters need not worry about his health. He said: "If I had a big pot belly and could barely get off the plane and somebody had to help me up on the stage I'd say 'That guy doesn't belong here'. But that's not my problem." Mr Dole gently needed Mr Clinton, who is 50 next month, saying he would not make health an election issue, even though his cholesterol, weight and blood pressure are all lower than the President's.

Still, there is a generation gap. Mr Dole's favourite music is by the Glenn Miller band and his favourite actor John Wayne.

Olympics reopen republican debate

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

PRINCE WILLIAM may be asked to open the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, if Australia's Deputy Prime Minister has his way.

The suggestion from Tim Fischer has reignited the republican debate, which has lost much of its momentum since the election of a conservative Government in March.

The Olympic Games are always opened by the head of state of the host country, which in Australia's case is the Queen, although the Governor-General holds the same position in the Queen's absence.

Many Australian opposition politicians and republican supporters have made it clear that they do not want to see any royal involvement in the Sydney Olympics. But Mr Fischer said on Australian television yesterday that he would like to see the Queen open the Games, but the second in line to the throne might be an appropriate choice.

"It's all about the future, it's the cusp of a new millennium, perhaps Prince William should try his hand," he said. Malcolm Turnbull, the chairman of the Australian Republican Movement, said he was astonished by the idea and a Labor Party spokesman said Prince William would be as appropriate as having his mother's lady-in-waiting open the Games.



British canoeist Shaun Pearce proposes to his physiotherapist Julie Stark among their team mates in Atlanta

Medal contender wins heart in Atlanta

FROM JOHN GOODBODY IN ATLANTA

IT WAS the most public and most romantic of engagements. Before a world-wide television audience and in the emotional fervour of the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games, Shaun Pearce, Britain's canoeing medal hope, proposed to Julie Stark, the team's physiotherapist.

Ever since he was selected for the Games two months ago, Mr Pearce had been planning to go down on both knees in the Olympic stadium. For a moment, Miss Stark thought he was ill. She said yesterday: "My first thought was that he

had collapsed. The weather had been so hot and we had had to run from the other stadium, where the teams had been marshalled."

However, to the delight of the rest of the 300-strong British contingent, who had marched on Friday night into the packed 81,000 seater stadium, Mr Pearce produced a ring which he had given to one of the coaches for safekeeping.

He said: "I was about to propose to her when all the other British team physiotherapists dragged her off for a photograph. Then the rest of our team wanted to have a picture together, so I reckoned that was the moment to get down on my

knees." Miss Stark said: "Then Shaun asked me to marry him and I think I said, 'Of course I will.' But I'm not sure because it was all such a shock."

The pair met in December 1994 and over the following nine months Mr Pearce received treatment from his future fiancée. Miss Stark said: "I gave him a lot of physiotherapy and when we started to go out my boss said: 'I am not surprised, nobody can have that many injuries.'"

Mr Pearce, who is separated from his wife, said the date for the wedding would not be set until the divorce was final.

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300 Tutsis die in Burundi massacre

FROM SCOTT STRAUS IN BULIMBURA, BURUNDI AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

A MASSACRE in central Burundi at the weekend has left at least 300 dead. Journalists who visited the scene at Bungereza reported seeing the bodies after renewed ethnic fighting on Saturday.

"I counted 304 bodies, all of them Tutsis. It was a horrific sight. I also counted 100 injured people who were receiving treatment," one reporter said.

The killings in the Gitega region were blamed by the army on Hutu rebels of the exiled National Council for the Defence of Democracy.

Last night Marc Faguy, the UN special envoy to Burundi, pleaded for urgent steps to end the ethnic carnage which has killed more than 150,000 people in the central African country in the past three years. "The United Nations, the international community and Burundians can neither keep quiet nor remain neutral in the face of these acts of barbarism," he said.

As the violence in Burundi continues to mount, the future of an African regional peace-keeping force aimed at ending the civil war in the Central African country looks increasingly doubtful. Burundi's Tutsi community is opposing the Western-backed plan and putting pressure on Antoine Nduwayo, the Tutsi Prime Minister, to disavow his support for the idea.

Crash jet's fuselage wreckage found as bomb theory grows

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

A LARGE section of fuselage from the wreckage of TWA Flight 800 has been found in the waters off Long Island and searchers were confident yesterday that they could bring it to the surface within 36 to 48 hours.

They were hoping that the discovery would yield more bodies and further clues to what caused the destruction of the Boeing 747 shortly after take-off from Kennedy airport in New York last Wednesday, with the loss of all 230 passengers and crew. In particular, they will be looking for signs of metal having been twisted outward, which would indicate that a bomb was smuggled on board the jet either in New York or Athens, its earlier stop.

The fuselage was located by sonar as the weather turned calmer after heavy seas and strong winds had hampered divers from entering the waters on Saturday. Teams were continuing the hunt for the aircraft's cockpit data and voice recorders on the Atlantic floor. Acoustic equipment had been unable to pick up the pinging sound that they transmit after a crash.

At Gore, the US Vice-President, who announced the fuselage discovery, also revealed that there was a "dis-

ting possibility" of the hunt being turned into a criminal investigation.

This was the furthest any senior administration official has gone publicly to acknowledge a terrorist link since President Clinton warned against jumping to conclusions in the immediate aftermath of the crash.

"We haven't crossed the line yet and it's still premature to call it criminal," said Mr Gore, citing the lack of any hard evidence pointing to the cause of the tragedy. But the FBI and CIA have been working on the assumption of terrorism, and the FBI invited anyone with relevant information anywhere in the world to call its free number, 001 888 245 4636, or to send an e-mail message to: newyork@fbi.gov.

Senators, who were given a secret briefing on the crash in Washington, said it was "almost 100 per cent unlikely" that the cause could be mechanical failure, leaving open the options of a bomb or, conceivably, a small surface-to-air missile.

There is a sense in Washington that the TWA crash could suddenly require Mr Clinton to take swift retaliatory action if a firm link is established to any of the countries that sponsor terrorism, such as Iran, Iraq and Libya.

Reporters expose gaps at JFK

FROM SUSAN BELL IN PARIS

TWO French journalists without airline tickets exposed gaps in security at New York's John F Kennedy airport on Saturday when they managed to slip past guards to get into the same TWA departure lounge from which Flight 800 took off three days earlier.

"We were not checked. If we had been carrying a bomb we could have given it to an accomplice boarding the plane," Christophe Hondclatte, reporter for France Info, a publicly-run station, said.

M Hondclatte said that he and a colleague, Gilles Perez, from Radio France International managed to elude security checks by walking against the flow of passengers leaving the terminal. Whenever they were blocked by a closed door, they waited for passengers to emerge and slipped through.

The reporters, who were in the airport to meet relatives of French victims who had travelled to New York from Paris, eventually made it to gate 25 where passengers were boarding a flight to Puerto Rico. They said they had taken photographs to prove their story.



Dole, exercises on a treadmill to stay fit

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, CHANCERY DIVISION, COMPANIES COURT, No. 003843 of 1996

Mr Registrar Ramsay

IN THE MATTER OF LUCAS INDUSTRIES PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

and

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by an Order dated the 12th day of July 1996 made in the above matters the Court has directed a Meeting to be convened of the holders of the Ordinary Shares (hereinafter called "Ordinary Shares") in Lucas Industries plc (hereinafter called the "Company") for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, approving (with or without modification) a Scheme of Arrangement proposed to be made between the Company and the holders of the Scheme Shares (as defined in the said Scheme of Arrangement) and that such meeting will be held at the New Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, London WC2B 5DA on Tuesday, 13th August, 1996 at 11.00 a.m., at which place and time all holders of Ordinary Shares are requested to attend.

A copy of the said Scheme of Arrangement and a copy of the Statement required to be furnished pursuant to Section 426 of the above-mentioned Act are incorporated in the document of which this Notice forms part.

The holders of Ordinary Shares may vote in person at the said Meeting or they may appoint another person, whether a member of the Company or not, as their Proxy to attend and vote in their stead.

In the case of joint holders, the vote of the senior who tenders a vote whether in person or by proxy will be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint holders and for this purpose seniority will be determined by the order in which the names stand in the Register of Members of the Company in respect of the joint holding.

It is requested that forms appointing Proxies be lodged with Lloyds Bank Registrars, 54 Pershore Road South, Kings Norton, Birmingham B30 3EP not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the said Meeting, but if forms are not so lodged they may be handed to the Chairman of the said Meeting.

By the said Order the Court has appointed Sir Brian Pease as the Chairman of the said Meeting, George Simpson or failing him John Grant to act as the Chairman of the said Meeting and has directed the Chairman to report the results thereof to the Court.

The said Scheme of Arrangement will be subject to the subsequent approval of the Court.

Dated 19th July, 1996

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Notice of the above-mentioned Meeting was posted to shareholders of Lucas Industries plc on 19th July, 1996. Copies of the said Scheme of Arrangement, form of proxy and Explanatory Statement required to be furnished pursuant to Section 426 of the Companies Act 1985 can be obtained from the registered office of the Company.

LUCAS INDUSTRIES PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Lucas Industries plc will be held at the New Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, London WC2B 5DA on Tuesday, 13th August, 1996 at 11.05 a.m. (or as soon thereafter as the Meeting of the holders of the Company's Ordinary Shares convened by direction of the High Court of Justice for the same date and place shall have concluded or been adjourned) for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolution which will be proposed as a Special Resolution:

THAT:

(A) the Transaction Agreement dated as of 31st May, 1996 between LucasVariety plc, the Company, Variety Corporation and Variety Combination Corporation relating to the proposed merger of the Company and Variety Corporation (with such modifications or amendments as the Directors of the Company shall determine) be and is hereby approved;

(B) the Scheme of Arrangement dated 19th July, 1996 (the "Scheme") proposed to be made between the Company and the holders of the Scheme Shares (as defined in the Scheme), a print of which has been produced to this Meeting and signed for the purpose of identification by the Chairman of the Meeting, be approved;

(C) for the purpose of giving effect to the Scheme:

(1) the capital of the Company be reduced by the cancellation of the Scheme Shares and forthwith and contingently upon such reduction of capital taking effect, the capital of the Company be increased to its former amount by the creation of such number of new ordinary shares of 25p each as shall be equal to the number of Scheme Shares cancelled as aforesaid;

(2) the reserve arising upon the said reduction of capital be applied in paying up in full at par the ordinary shares of 25p each created pursuant to sub-paragraph (C)(1) of this resolution, which shall be allotted and issued, credited as fully paid up to LucasVariety plc and/or its nominees;

(D) the Directors be hereby authorised for the purposes of Section 80 of the Companies Act 1985 to effect the allotment of the shares created pursuant to this Resolution provided that (i) the maximum nominal amount of shares which may be allotted hereunder is £237,500,000; (ii) this authority shall expire on 31st December, 1996; and (iii) this authority shall be without prejudice to any authority under the said Section 80 previously granted and in force on the date on which this Resolution is passed; and

(E) the Articles of Association of the Company shall be amended by:

(1) the adoption and inclusion of the following new Article as Article 61B:

"61B
(A) In this Article, references to the "Scheme" are to the scheme of arrangement of the Company dated 19th July, 1996 under section 425 of the Companies Act 1985, between the Company and the holders of the Scheme Shares and expressions defined in the Scheme shall have the same meaning in this Article.

(B) If any Ordinary Shares in the Company are allotted and issued to any person (a "new member") other than LucasVariety plc ("LucasVariety") or any nominee of LucasVariety on or after the date of the meeting convened pursuant to an Order of the High Court of Justice in England and Wales they will, if allotted and issued prior to the close of business on the date two business days before the hearing of the petition to sanction the Scheme, be allotted and issued subject to the terms of the Scheme and shall be Scheme Shares for the purposes thereof and the new member, and any subsequent holder other than LucasVariety or any nominee of LucasVariety, shall be bound by the terms of the Scheme and, if allotted and issued after that time, be immediately transferred to LucasVariety in consideration of and conditional on the issue to the new member of one ordinary share in LucasVariety for each Ordinary Share in the Company so transferred. The LucasVariety ordinary shares issued to the new member will be credited as fully paid and will rank equally in all respects with all LucasVariety ordinary shares in issue at the time (other than as regards any dividend or other distribution payable by reference to a record date preceding the date of allotment and issue or the close of business on the date two business days before the hearing of the petition to sanction the Scheme, whichever is later) and be subject to the Articles of Association of LucasVariety.

(C) The number of shares to be issued to the new member under Article 61B(B) may be adjusted by the directors in such manner as the directors may determine on any reorganisation of the share capital of the Company or the LucasVariety effected after the close of business on the Effective Date, provided always that any fractions of an ordinary share in LucasVariety shall be disregarded and shall be aggregated and sold for the benefit of LucasVariety.

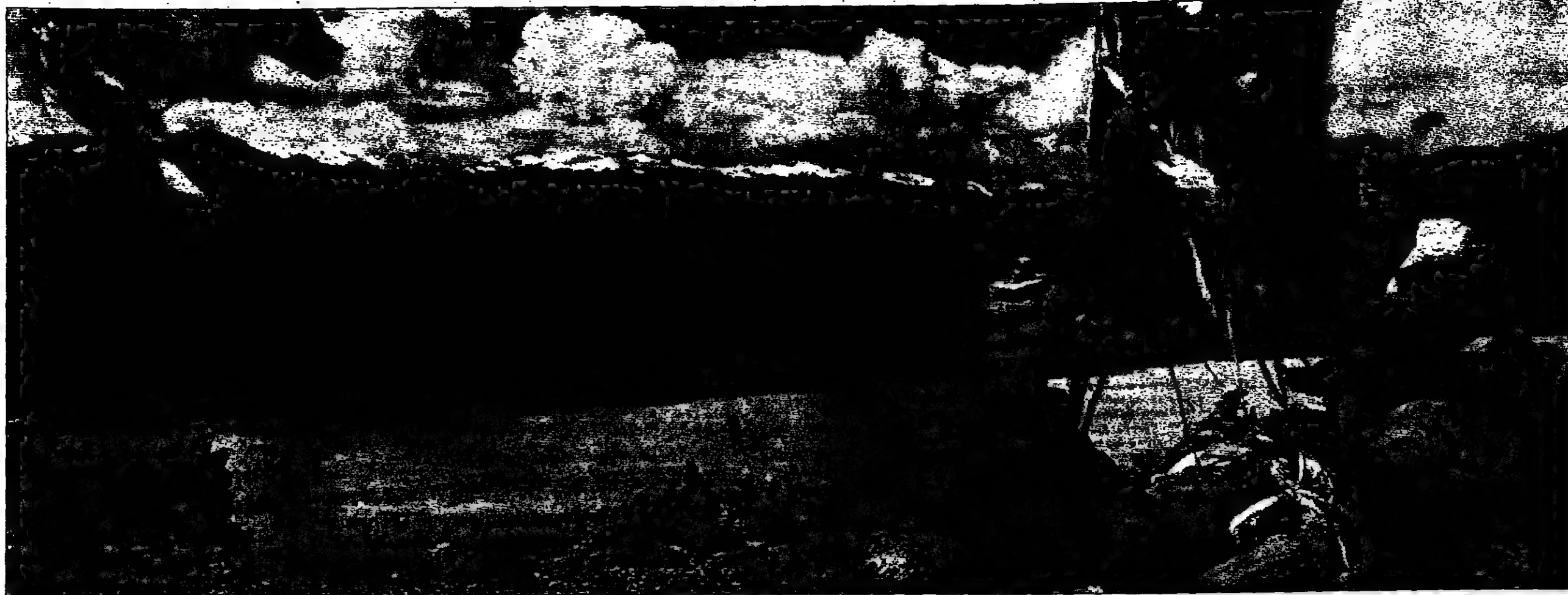
(D) To give effect to any such transfer required by Article 61B(B), the Company may appoint any person to execute a form of transfer on behalf of the new member in favour of LucasVariety and to agree for and on behalf of the new member to become a member of LucasVariety; and

(2) the deletion of Article 89 and the renumbering of Articles 90 to 169 (inclusive) as Articles 89 to 168 (inclusive) and all cross references to those Articles shall be amended accordingly.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
G. M. Norris, Secretary
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Left, the Dalai Lama, who has raised environmental concerns during his visit to Britain; above, the threatened Yamdrok lake in central Tibet



Fears for Tibet's sacred lake

The rumour started on the Internet. Word was that something had gone seriously wrong with one of China's most controversial projects — the construction of a hydroelectric dam on the shore of the scorpion-shaped Yamdrok Tso, Tibet's most sacred lake.

According to a press release put out last month by the Washington-based International Campaign for Tibet, the head of the dam project was dismissed after an engineering mishap. Explanations of this mishap varied. One was that not enough power had been put in place to run the turbines. Another report speculated that one of the two shafts linking the lake to the turbines had collapsed, and that the project had been abandoned.

The unconfirmed rumours are a sign of growing concern that, environmentally speaking, Tibet is in peril. The Yamdrok Tso dam, the workings of which clutter an otherwise pristine setting, has been the focus of frustration, but campaigners claim that Tibet's forests and pastureland are also being killed off by overdevelopment.

Construction on the dam, sited 120 miles south of Lhasa, the capital, was begun in 1985 and interrupted for six years because of opposition from senior Tibetans.

Anjana Ahuja investigates the hidden threat to the ecology of Tibet's unique landscape

Critics said the energetic operation of the power plant would destroy the local fish population and possibly empty the turquoise lake within 50 years. They also expressed doubt as to whether China would refill the lake as it drained, since replenishment would entail pumping water nearly 3,000ft back up through the mountains.

There are claims that the depth of the lake, which is 40 metres in places, has already dropped by 30cm. Such claims are hard to check because the Chinese are very reluctant to allow experts and journalists access to Tibet, according to Robbie Barnett, an expert in Tibetan affairs. "There is a seasonal drop in water level anyway," says Mr Barnett, who heads the Tibet Information Network, a respected news organisation based in London. "But we are hearing information that suggests the Yamdrok Tso project is in trouble."

Tibet Autonomous Region, known as "the roof of the world", lies on a vast plateau which rises 4km in the shadow of the Himalayas. Its unique position makes it the engine for dramatic climate

change, such as the annual monsoon season. Many of Asia's major rivers, including the Yellow and the Yangtze, have their sources here.

The Tibetan environment is exceptional because it has remained isolated for decades, a testament to the traditional rotation farming methods of the nomads. With an ever-increasing Chinese population, however, the relatively deserted Tibetan lands made ideal targets for building settlements. Their remoteness also meant that riches, such as timber and minerals, lay unexploited.

Starting with the invasion and occupation of 1950, China began to transform the Tibetan landscape. Roads were built, minerals were mined and trees were felled. This has continued apace for decades.

Such changes, campaigners argue, must be halted before the delicate ecological balance of the region is wrecked. But the ecologists face one big drawback — their quest is deeply entangled in Tibet's political and religious problems.

The Yamdrok Tso project was a

prime example of this ideological clash. Officials said the hydroelectric power plant was designed to supply much-needed electricity to a swelling population.

The Free Tibet Campaign in London, which lobbied vigorously for the project to be dropped, complained that the settlers have disrupted life for the nomads who have traditionally inhabited the lake's shores. Critics say it is part of a conspiracy to destroy Tibetan culture, an unsavoury objective symbolised by the suppression of Buddhism.

The inextricable linking of political and environmental concerns was evident during several events held last week to mark the Dalai Lama's visit to Britain, during which he raised environmental concerns.

However, this political edge to the debate means that reliable facts about environmental matters are scarce. Deforestation is a particularly thorny issue — the Tibetan Information Network estimates that a quarter of accessible forests in China and Tibet has already been felled. The problem, say

campaigners, is that Tibet's forestry bureau is not keeping a close eye on logging operations. The bureau repels criticism by releasing an annual communiqué giving details of prosecutions for environmental damage.

Its statement says that the rate of replanting has accelerated in recent years, but makes no mention of whether this matches the speed at which mature trees, some more than a century old, are being felled. It also omits to say whether replanting is successful.

Grazing land also appears to be disappearing at an alarming rate. "The Chinese say that the nomads' cattle are overeating the pasture land," Mr Barnett says. "However, the Chinese destroyed many middle-sized mammals, which has led to an explosion in the number of rodents." The marmot, a tiny mammal with a voracious appetite for grass roots, is suspected to be the main culprit.

The threat to the jewel in Asia's crown is beginning to attract worldwide attention, aided, it may be said, by several photographs of celebrities allying themselves to the Tibetan cause. As the Dalai Lama left Britain yesterday, he will have been among thousands hoping that when he next visits, there will be something to celebrate.

Heart researchers are hoping the unique transparent embryo of the zebrafish will yield vital clues to human development

SILENT Heart, a zebrafish embryo encased in an egg, is one of the more beautiful mysteries of the animal kingdom. Why is it so appealing? Because both embryo and egg are completely transparent, allowing biologists to gaze in wonder as this crystalline gem unfolds into a living, breathing fish.

Except that Silent Heart, perfect in every other way, will never make it. Because of an unexpected mutation in the embryo, its heart does not beat. The mutant was given its name by Dr Didier Stainier, a developmental biologist at the University of California in San Francisco. He is among several researchers in America pioneering the use of zebrafish as tools for studying heart development, with a view to deepening our understanding of the human heart and its diseases.

These *Zin* striped fish, native to India, spawn crystal-clear embryos which allow every tiny change to be mapped, so that anything awry can be detected as soon as it happens. Fertilisation takes place outside the mother's body, so the embryo is visible from the moment of conception. The baby fish develops very quickly. Less than a day after fertilisation, ears and eyes are

Silent Heart's fishy secrets

discernible, the tail wiggles and the heart beats. Two days later all the major organs are fully formed and in place. Sexual maturity is reached two to three months later.

The mutations can be natural or generated by irradiation. As well as Silent Heart, a natural mutation, Dr Stainier has been able to produce a *Cloche* mutation, so-called because the abnormal heart is shaped like a bell. Other natural defects include *Miles Apart*, and *Bonnie and Clyde*. Both lead to the formation of two hearts, one on each side of the body. "Something goes wrong at a very early stage in putting the left and right sides of the embryo together," Dr Stainier says. The



SCIENCE BRIEFING

Anjana Ahuja

two defects, which were christened by Dr Stainier's co-workers, correspond to the two rogue genes responsible.

Other establishments, notably the University of Oregon, have interfered with the fish to produce truly bizarre creatures. Cyclops mutants, so named because their eyes are fused together, are a speciality, as are *Spadetails*, humpbacked "specimens whose muscles have migrated the wrong way."

The contribution of zebrafish to research is invaluable, since the underlying cellular processes which govern development of the body are shrouded in mystery. They are also cheap, easy to look

after, plentiful, grow quickly and are simple to manipulate in the laboratory. Dr Stainier is part of an international effort to exploit this newfound, living tool. Together with scientists at the Cardiovascular Research Centre at Massachusetts General Hospital, where Dr Stainier formerly worked, he has compiled a glossary of 58 mutations which occur in the first 24 hours after fertilisation. This research, and that of another team at the Max-Planck Institute in Tübingen, Germany, will appear in a special issue of the journal *Development* later this year.

Dr Stainier says that the first day of a zebrafish embryo's life corresponds to the first 21 days of life for a human embryo. But how can scientists possibly compare zebrafish to humans? "We are fairly certain that the same genes are involved in mutations both in the fish and in humans," he says. "For example, we have made the transition from flies to humans. It is much easier to make the jump from zebrafish to humans."

The next step is to uncover all possible heart mutations and identify the genes responsible. "We should be able to do this, and compare them to human genes, within ten years," he says.

Spinning an Earth riddle

EARTH scientists are in a spin. The inner core of our planet, they have discovered, rotates faster than the rest of it.

In fact, the core "laps" the rest of the Earth every 350 years. This century has seen the inner core perform a quarter-turn relative to everything else. "The inner core is a lump of solid iron. It is anisotropic (not perfectly uniform) — this means that shock waves generated by earthquakes and travelling at different angles take different lengths of time to emerge on the other side of the globe."

Xiaodong Song and Paul Richards, from the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory at Columbia University, New York, looked at these time differences for shock waves going back 30 years. They found they could map the way this irregular core moved around, and concluded it was spinning at 11 degrees a year relative to everything else. This means the outside of this inner core is moving at a few tens of kilometres every year

— at least 100,000 times faster than the speediest continental drift. Experts say this is no mere curiosity. The inner core spins inside a molten outer core. Small eddies in this outer core set up electrical currents, which in turn set up a magnetic field. This "magnetic dynamo" generates the Earth's magnetic field.

The finding, published in *Nature*, could thus solve a riddle which has taxed rambles and scientists alike — why the magnetic poles drift around. It may also explain why the terrestrial magnetic field seems to flip every 100,000 years.

Deadly spider games

FIRST cannibalism, and now infanticide. Yes, it's another sorry tale of domestic disharmony in the spider world.

This time it involves male *crepid* spiders from the Negev desert in Israel. Those males which are slow off the mark during the mating season are unlikely to find a female that has not mated. So they resort to

kidnapping her offspring and killing them.

Why? Fighting a female — and winning — forces the female to replace her brood. She will mate with the aggressor to produce a new brood, so his strategy pays off. Another reason is that, on average, a male *crepid* spider encounters only one female during the mating season. So passing up the opportunity means he is unlikely to mate at all.

Writing in *Nature* recently, Julia Schneider and Yael Lubin, from the Ben Gurion University of the Negev, revealed that infanticide worked its charm a third of the time. The females, which are bigger, chased the chaps off in half the cases.

However, brutality does not always bring rewards. The later a male mates, the less likely he is to become a father. This is because the sperm of his predecessors is likely to have fertilised her eggs. Late offspring are also less likely to survive, because food — small insects — is scarcer.

The other habits of the *crepid* spider are hair-raising. Matricide is a normal part of family life — offspring kill and eat their mother within three weeks of hatching.

Nigel Hawkes is on holiday

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Is our countryside adapting to the Nineties? Giles Coren and Jason Cowley talk to today's

The changing face of country life



PHILIPPA HUME

Philippa Hume, 30, a project consultant, is the only daughter of Mr and Mrs David Hume, of Shimpling Hall, Shimpling, Suffolk.

I have lived in Bath, Hampshire, Kent, Surrey and now Suffolk, but always in the country. This is a very secluded spot, there is nothing but us and a church at

the end of the garden. I still come here about twice a month, but nothing much has changed, except for the shopping. You used to have to go miles to a supermarket, now we are only ten minutes from Tesco. Village life doesn't seem to have been much altered. It is great to come up here with a few friends to get away from the smoke and chill out.

A personal view from three girls who have featured recently in *Country Life* magazine's weekly portrait



EMMA BADDELEY

Emma Baddeley, 23, a freelance picture editor, is the youngest daughter of Sir John Baddeley, Bt, of Springwood, Sullington, West Sussex, and of Sara, Lady Baddeley, of Storrington, West Sussex.

The countryside has certainly got a lot smaller. Housing estates, rubbish dumps

and quarries are encroaching all the time, and the places I knew when I was little are disappearing, from the sand-pits to the places I went with my mother to walk the dog. There are new roads, and worst of all, great piles of concrete on the beach as sea-defences. The place stinks of sewage — the day the picture was taken I could hardly bear to breathe.



SOPHIE HARRISON

Sophie Harrison, 28, a writer/sub-editor for *Horse and Hound*, is the second daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Harrison of Iken Stoke Mill, Alresford, Hampshire.

Apart from an increase in the number of cyclists and swans, and the decline of water levels, the biggest change has been

road building. Walk a mile in any direction and you will come to an extension of the M3 or A31. On a positive note, more care is being taken over the water-meadows which constitute the house's 80 acres. It is a protected site now, and volunteers come down to look after the land. We just give them a cup of tea and a spade, and they get on with it.

When in the late 1920s Evelyn Waugh wrote about his Bright Young Things, ruthlessly pursuing pleasure, the country house party was a constant of the social circuit, defined by a fixed code of etiquette, dress and manners. This weekend, though, as a new generation of Bright Young Things sets off for the latest round of summer parties, many will have packed not only their ballgowns and bow-ties, but also their tents and trainers. For the English country house party has been invaded by "festival" culture. The transformation is quite startling.

While the embers of the traditional house party are fanned by society hostesses such as Lady Christie de la Rue, of Aynon Castle, and Aline Hay, of Duns Castle, a new generation of landowners is opening up its estates to an eclectic mix of aristocrats, urban sophisticates and show-business personalities.

The new-style parties, though different in externals, have a family resemblance. This is how they work. Stylised invitations are sent out, together with a map of how to find the house, usually two months before the day of the party. A typical host is usually the twentysomething son or daughter of country house-owning parents who

Black ties, ballgowns — and bring a tent

THE NEW COUNTRY HOUSE PARTIES



A weekend under canvas: guests arrive with tents for a country house party

may be holding the party without his or her parents' knowledge. Depending on the size of the grounds, the number of guests ranges from 100 to 500.

So far, so conventional you might think, and you would be right: were it not for a strange phenomenon: the guests sleep not in one of the house's many rooms but outside in the extensive grounds, hence the tents.

When, for instance, the Earl of St Germans held a party last summer at his stately home in Cornwall, guests were invited to an "In-tents Affair". Andrew Harris, 28, who works for BZW and was at the party, says: "It was a fantastic idea. You could pitch your tent anywhere in the grounds. We used the tents to change into our evening wear: it was great fun watching the girls doing their make-up in the rear-view mirror of their cars. Then, at seven o'clock, everyone emerged to stroll down towards the house for champagne and canapés."

Invitations usually offer specific guidelines on dress. The scientist Michael Barrett, a regular at the parties, says: "Sometimes it is black-tie, but

more often than not, you are asked to dress exotically, or in fancy dress. But as the evening progresses, and the air cools, people opt for jumpers and T-shirts."

A banquet of hors-d'oeuvres, roast meats, spiced chicken, smoked fish, elaborate salads and rich puddings is usually served in a marquee at which guests are seated at round tables. There is a range of entertainment, from live music to traditional circus attractions, like fire-eating and juggling. Older guests are not excluded: a jazz band or a small orchestra may start the dancing for the evening, before the unremitting electronic dance music begins at about midnight.

When fatigue finally sets in, guests can be found wandering the grounds, or relaxing around large bonfires swap-

ping stories and savouring the exotic scents — and that's not just smoke from the bonfire.

A feature of the old country house parties was the illicit late-night activity as amorous men and girls flitted to and from each other's rooms. So one thing, at least, hasn't changed: the heady atmo-

sphere encourages casual intimacy among people who may not know each other's names.

The following morning the scene resembles nothing so much as a battlefield, with the ravages of the night before — bottles, stilettos, discarded costumes, sleeping bodies — scattered across the lawn. As

and ask them to clear up the mess," says Ali Redman, a 24-year-old entrepreneur, who holds regular parties at his parents' country house in Hertfordshire.

Andrew Harris has been invited to bring his tent to another country house party next weekend. "What I like

guests, many of whom may have made it back to the wrong tent, emerge gingerly into the sunlight, an air of respectable melancholy settles.

Meanwhile, a typical breakfast — which, in fact, is more of a brunch, since people seldom rise before noon — of barbecued sausage or bacon and rolls is served by wide-eyed caterers.

It is not always the servants who clear up. "Once they've had breakfast, and before they go back to London, I give each of my guests a black plastic sack

and ask them to clear up the mess," says Ali Redman, a 24-year-old entrepreneur, who holds regular parties at his parents' country house in Hertfordshire.

Andrew Harris has been invited to bring his tent to another country house party next weekend. "What I like

about these parties is that they reflect the trend in going to raves and festivals. Guests want to dress up, eat and drink well, socialise in glamorous and exclusive surroundings. But they also want to dance outside until dawn, sit around a huge fire and escape from stresses of city life."

Sara Logie, 25, a buyer for House of Fraser, has been to country house parties in the modern style at many big houses, including Kimberley in Norfolk and Longleat in Wiltshire. "The party at Kimberley was especially memorable. We all pitched our tents in the fabulous grounds that ran down to a lake."

"Each room in the basement of the house had its own themed decoration. There were two huge marquees: food was served in one, live music played in the other."

The Marquess of Bath says that while guests at his Longleat parties never sleep in tents, he encourages spontaneity. "I support change. The country house party has to evolve in order to survive," he says.

In *Debrett's Guide to Entertaining* (Headline, £7.99), Charles Mosley writes that the

country house party is perhaps the single most arduous activity for any hostess: "You have to be permanently on your toes... your guests will become scattered and you should patrol the property, incessantly to make sure they are all enjoying themselves."

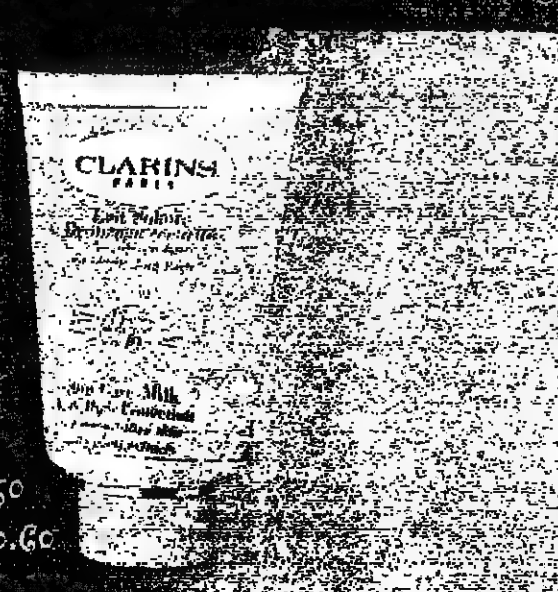
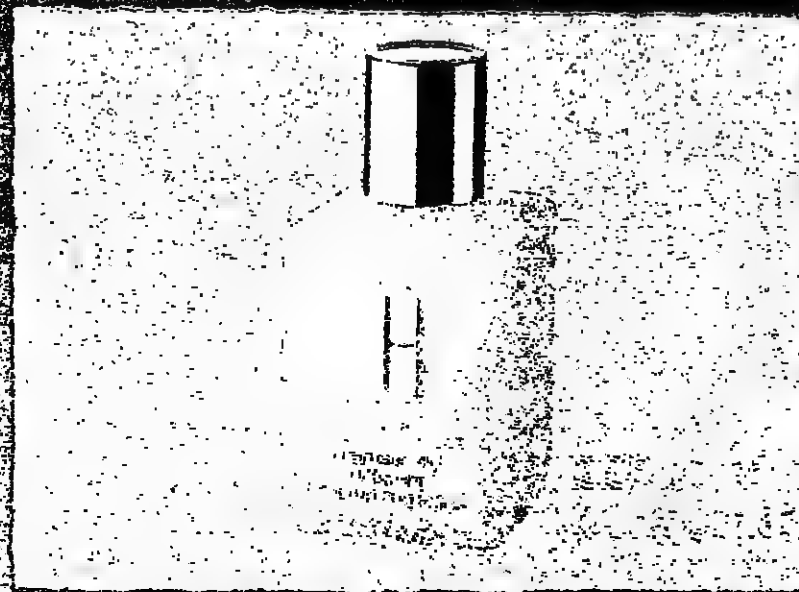
Lucy Drinkwater, who is hosting a party with her father next week at their country house in Cambridgeshire, agrees that big summer parties can be arduous, but says that having guests sleep outside in tents or in a barn reduces anxiety. "You don't have the worry of accidents and damage occurring inside the house. I think the guests also enjoy the novelty of sleeping outside."

Partygoer and writer Candida Whatmore, 26, says: "You have to have money to participate. It is usually only the rich or very posh who are invited to these parties."

So, if you are outside smart society, is there any chance of ever being invited? "It's very hard if you are outside the group," Candida says. "But if you hang round Tavistock Square off Portabello, or eavesdrop at the Duke of Wellington pub on Ladbroke Grove over the weekend, you might get to hear of one."

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Bright Young Things and Grace Bradberry meets a woman who hosts her own shoots

The men have had to accept women guns — but don't expect one to carry your gear

Whatever one thinks of the morality of killing wildlife, Shirley Deterding's achievements are remarkable. Fox-hunting aside, the world of field sports remains male-dominated. Women can pay their way into syndicates, but generally will be excluded from private shooting parties. If they do accompany their husbands, their role is to stand behind, murmuring: "Good shot, darling."

But through birth, and a fortunate marriage, Shirley, now 62, is included in the charmed circle.

"My father wanted six sons and he got me, so I was brought up like a boy. My earliest recollections are of being thrown up on one of his racehorses or carrying his guns across the marshes. My mother was totally anti. She was a gentle person, interested in tending her house and garden. But I was five when Father took me out duck-shooting for the first time, and I remember coming back drenched in mud, having heard the dawn chorus."

At seven she was hooked.

She was allowed to hold a gun, and given her first safety lessons. Soon she was shooting rabbits. Throughout her childhood she would accompany her father on shoots, carrying the dead birds and helping the beaters.

Then she met Jimmy at a wedding, and he, too, was a shooting man. "He threw shoots and I tended to be allowed to stand round the back or walk with the beaters. But he was very generous, and gradually allowed me to have

days that I could invite people to. It's an expensive business and I couldn't have done it without his support.

"I've always accepted it as a normal part of my life. It's only when somebody brings up the subject that it occurs to me I've been extraordinarily lucky."

She lives in a beautiful

Animals, exquisitely stuffed and mounted, cover many of the walls and surfaces. "That's my elk," she says, gesturing to an antlered head rearing from the drawing-room wall. "That one there's my caribou." Her hunting trophies are rather bigger than the others, brought home by the menfolk.

must never expect men to carry your gear. If it's offered then that's nice, but you mustn't be a nuisance."

There is, however, one aspect of being a woman who shoots, which is a very real nuisance — going to the lavatory. "It's so much easier for men, they just turn away. I have to search for cover. I've learnt to pop behind a tree with ease. I remember one

shoot when it was snowing too hard for us to go out. Jimmy Edwards, the comedian was there, and we stayed indoors talking, and drinking lots of coffee. Finally the blizzard stopped and we went out for a couple of drives. It was the fens and there's not a bush or tree for a million miles. The cold combined with the coffee meant that nature suddenly called rather desperately. The only place to go was behind the keeper's van. I pulled down about ten layers of clothing, and had just got to the point of no return when the van drove off. Everyone roared with laughter, all

the beaters and pickers up. Jimmy Edwards' catchphrase was "Who's got the biggest trombone?" and he called out: "Oh look, she's got the biggest trombone!"

The odd embarrassing incident aside, her happiest moments seem to come when she is surrounded by men, or alone with her prey. To shoot her elk, she went to Colorado and lived in a shack. "It was all men, and I was known as the duchess. I was elegantly turned out in my plus-fours, tie and tweed jacket. They were in check shirts, red hats and jeans. To them, I was the archetypal British person."

She would leave her shack at 4am, accompanied by a guide who would make a whooping noise to attract the elk. "We had to run along some perilous ridges, when suddenly the guide stopped and said: 'Shoot.' I shot, but I stepped out from behind the bushes, and I was told I'd missed it. I shot again and it fell.

But when we went to look the two shots were half an inch apart in the heart. I hadn't missed at all. It took five men to lift it on to the gantry. I felt very sad really, but they have to be culled, or there are too many and they starve."

Shirley's obvious pity for some of the animals she kills will infuriate animal rights lobbyists. Shirley's attitudes are not what one might expect from a blood-sports enthusiast. She tends to anthropomorphise the animals she hunts, and they become goodies or baddies in the manner of a Beatrix Potter book. Of foxes she says: "They bite the heads off chickens for the fun of it you know." January is her favourite month for shooting because: "You get crafty cocks sliding down the back of the woods."

But the older she gets, the more her feelings of pity increase. Her husband rarely shoots now. "He was a very good shot, as was his father, and his father before. But as you get older you're less keen to kill things. The social side becomes more fun. The pleasure is in being outside for a friendly day, not in going out and murdering a whole lot of birds. I don't even like squashing spiders anymore. I suppose one's more aware of one's own mortality and less inclined to destroy anything."

● Inside Story: The Lady Guns, will be shown at 9.30pm on Wednesday July 31, on BBC1.

TOP LADY GUN



Shirley Deterding, left, and Fiona Martin have changed the role of women

Lutyns manor house, with her husband, Jimmy, a member of the Shell oil dynasty, and their six dogs. This privileged way of life has been threatened recently by the attentions of the "antis" as she refers to them. Feeling the need to explain her lifestyle, she has broken cover to appear in a documentary by the BBC.

Nevertheless, she prefers that the location of her home not be disclosed. This is probably wise. The "antis" would be enraged by her choice of decor, which is rather gruesome.

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BBC PROMS: Grandiose Verdi opera and stylish Haydn oratorio on the opening weekend of the 1996 season

Nothing beats an auto-da-fé

Covent Garden came to South Kensington on Saturday with a *Don Carlos* that made both a memorable second night of the Proms and last night of the Royal Opera's Verdi Festival. The excellent singing did not quite match the vocal magnificence of Covent Garden's recent staging, but that would have been hard. In any case, this was a concert performance in its own right, not a "concert of the staging" — a chance for London to hear a second version within a month of Verdi's grandest opera.

Don Carlos is a musical jigsaw to which no definitive solution exists. At the Albert Hall, we got the five-act 1886 Modena edition used in the celebrated Visconti production. Covent Garden has now scuttled. As it was "authorised by the composer", this hybrid version in Italian must represent Verdi's final thoughts, even though the composer himself saw it as a translation of his French opera. But since it restores much of the first act, it is a pity that the Proms did not offer a more radical contrast with Covent Garden's new production of the (more or less) 1867 French original by playing Verdi's Italian, four-act 1884 revision.

Most of these issues became unimportant in such a thrilling performance as Bernard Haitink and his Royal Opera orchestra and chorus gave here. He paced the opera with steady propulsion. Passages of intimate tenderness came across well, and the brazen magnificence of the auto-da-fé drove the Prommers into a frenzy, so much so that

Don Carlos
Albert Hall/Radio 3

Haitink had to dampen applause where it held the drama up. The galleries were put to good use for offstage effects.

The Prom forces were largely those of a new recording, just "in the can". But the recording's Elisabeth, Galina Gorchakova, was replaced here at the eleventh hour by Sylvie Valayre. Though one would rather have heard Valayre sing the role in her native French, she brought warm Mediterranean tone to the part and sang with touching directness. Richard Margison's Don Carlos matched her in his emotionally charged singing, with a little more colour, his strong Italianate tenor could be very exciting.

As Posa, Dmitry Hvorostovsky gave one of his best recent performances, his long lines compensating for a slightly constricted baritone sound and his belief in the character making the death scene deeply moving. Olga Borodina brought glamorous but unvarying tone to her Eboli. Roberto Scanduzzi was a dignified Philip, but Robert Lloyd not chilling enough as the Grand Inquisitor.

Even down through the smaller parts the music spoke directly: where the Royal Opera's production had underplayed the grandeur, here it was always possible to imagine the terrible events that motivate the human drama in this stirring masterpiece.

JOHN ALLISON

Cheap and filling

FRINGE musicals are more fun. Million-dollar sets and dozens of dancing girls rarely send me skipping around crying: "My, that's bucked me up." But at the Bridewell Theatre, a converted swimming pool down a tiny lane off Fleet Street, I found it a thousandfold more heart-warming to watch a Broadway show done on a shoestring.

The Bridewell's season of lesser-known American musicals is kicked off by the Manhattan Project theatre company's production of *Promises Promises*, the 1960s New York sex comedy about office affairs scored by Burt Bacharach and scripted by Neil Simon.

Our hero, Chuck Baxter, is a Mr Nobody in the accounts department, ambitiously staying late but going nowhere. He is sweet on Fran from the cafeteria, but she is only crazy about him when he slips into his fantasies. Meanwhile, the company's executives, realising Baxter is a soft touch, avail themselves of his one-bedroom apartment for extra-marital hanky panky with a constant stream of secretaries. Even Sheldrake, the boss, joins the queue, promising promotion but, to Baxter's dismay, having a fling with Fran. Happily, of course, the right guy and gal see the error of their former ways and get together in the end.

You can certainly pick holes in this show. The three-strong "orchestra" can sound repetitively percussive, and drowns a few songs. Marcus Allen

Promises Promises

Bridewell, EC4

Cooper's Baxter is in a bit of a rush, and does not switch with the sharpest comic timing between polite conversations and aghast asides to the audience. Murray Woodfield's Sheldrake could be a more slimy and manipulative cad. Vanessa Cross's Fran seems more cool and together than her character suggests. Fran is surely more shattered after being dropped by Sheldrake, comparing herself to her broken compact mirror. Still, Cross sings very prettily and Cooper has a sweet bounce to him.

The old doc next door (Harry Dickman) is a delightful wisecracker, clearly under the misapprehension from the bumps in the night that Baxter is an indefatigable stud. Joyce Springer is also a hoot as the bar-crawling widow who picks up Baxter.

The chorus lines are a joy. The ladies, a quartet of hip-wiggling mini-skirted secretaries, managed to send up ditsy barts and be sexy movers. The chorus boys are a terrific joke: a crew of seedy, balding businessmen sporting sensible tweed coats trying to get hip, snapping their fingers as they harmonise in the frustrated adulterers' ditty, *Where Can You Take a Girl?*

KATE BASSETT

DONALD COOPER



From left: Jonathan Clarkson, Marcus Allen Cooper, Simon Clark and Jon Osbaldeston in *Promises Promises*



Andrew Davis conducted a stylish if not exciting performance of Haydn's *Creation* to open the Proms

In the beginning

The Creation
Albert Hall/Radio 3

It is not hard to guess why Haydn's *The Creation* was chosen to launch this particular Proms season. The oratorio, an epic testament to Enlightenment ideals, opens in a mist of chromatic harmonies: the "Representation of Chaos". But ten minutes later all that is swept away. In the purest A major the chorus sings of the "new world" that "springs up at God's command".

Well, the Proms are something of a new world this year, with a fresh director, Nicholas Kenyon, to guide them into their second century. And although his innovations may not yet add up to a Garden of Eden, they indicate a welcome determination to extend the Proms' reputation for friendly accessibility.

This concert, televised live on BBC2, was by and large a fine advertisement. Andrew Davis conducted a performance that was smartly controlled, stylish and often beautiful — though never as exciting as it should have been.

That may have been partly because the work was sung in German, even though Haydn was inspired to write it by English choirs

and an English libretto. Benjamin Britten always insisted on performing the Bach Passions in a language the audience understood, and *The Creation* is just as much a "story-telling" work. It demands a direct link to the listener.

Perhaps if the soloists had warmed to their roles earlier the drama would have seemed more gripping. But Julianne Banse, Hans Peter Blochwitz and Wolfgang Schöne never displayed the big personalities needed in this hall.

However, the BBC Symphony Orchestra often played delightfully, particularly when delivering pungent carousels of the creepy-crawlies in Haydn's Garden of Eden. And the BBC Symphony Chorus, though a bit thin on tenors, raced through the fugues with cracking verve.

RICHARD MORRISON

● This review appeared in later editions on Saturday

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■ If we all put off until 2000 what we could have done today, we shall all run out of excuses simultaneously

For some time I have been contemplating buying a new encyclopaedia. True, my 1950s set of *Britannica* serves me well for most purposes: little of importance has been discovered or invented since the Second World War. There is information technology, I suppose, but of the last five centuries, the 20th must be the only one in which a clairvoyant could stand at its dawn, look towards its dusk, and find the landscape so familiar: automobiles, gas and electricity, collars and ties, trains, Georgian-style houses and women in silly hats.

Still, I thought, one deserves a new encyclopaedia every fifty years. But then I hesitated. Why not wait until the year 2000? A *Britannica* with "1996" on it — an edition with nineteen anything on it — is doomed to age very suddenly at midnight on December 31, 1999. A 2000 *Britannica* will appear fresher for longer.

The same thought occurred as I considered replacing my DeBrett's *Peoples of Today* (1993) and my *Who's Who* (1989). These volumes do not come cheap, and few of us buy a new edition every year. This year there seemed reason to delay even longer: until 2000, when an edition with a longer apparent shelf-life will be available.

It's illogical, of course. No quantum leap in knowledge or human biography takes place when an arbitrary system of chronological notation changes its initial digit. But then anniversaries of every sort are non-rational. Numbers have a primitive magic, and 1999 feels more than a year further away from us than 1900.

And if I have deferred purchase of these volumes for this reason, is it not likely that others may be doing so too? The phenomenon — let us call it the Pre-Millennial Torpor effect (PMT) — will gather force as the millennium approaches. Those who publish encyclopaedias and *Who's Who* will surely notice a steady decline in sales right up until January 1, 2000; then a sudden spurt. It could be very marked in 1998-99. Nor will it be *Britannica*, *DeBrett's* and *Who's Who* alone that are affected. Any directory or work of reference, any occasional catalogue which bears its date prominently and which is commonly purchased less often than annually will find consumers hanging back before updating their editions. Autobiographies and travel guides, atlases and brochures will all gain shelf-life from that magic "2" on their title pages. Printers can expect a lull, then a rush.

PMT will be noticeable beyond the publication of directories, however. Launches and relaunches of products, projects, maga-

zines, car-marques, series, even campaigns — will covet the "2000" logo. This will cast a shadow backwards over the final years of this century, as any kind of venture for which the date might matter drums its fingers, awaiting the millennium. By contrast, the first years of the next century should see the champagne corks popping on a crowded calendar of unveilings, dubbings, blessings, curtain-raising, dedications and plaque-engravings.

Even Christenings, surely? I have always reproached my parents for causing me to be born in 1949, when 1950 would sound so much younger. Were one planning a child oneself around 1999, one would surely do the poor child the favour of delaying the happy event a few months. January 1, 2000 being the premium birthday, April 1, 1999 should be a night of candlelight and soft music for more than the usual number of intending mums and dads.

And how about retirements? Were we contemplating the fateful decision in the three years ahead, then might not there be a strong temptation for many to stagger on just a little longer? As far as I am concerned, "Parliamentary sketchwriter for *The Times*, 1988-2000" would look more than one-eleventh more impressive than "1988-99".

By extension, the jobs pages of the newspapers may be unusually full over the first year of the millennium.

So will the order-books of fitted-kitchen manufacturers. That long-postponed decision to buy a new kitchen, recarpet the bedroom or redecorate the lounge may meet, for many, its final postponement in the thought "let's put it off until the next century". As the clock strikes midnight, the last excuse will crumble.

People will be giving up chocolate, giving up drinking, giving up their husbands, becoming vegetarians or — in my case — sweeping under the fridge, a job I've postponed for five years already. Quentin Crisp may dust his flat.

I may buy a new suit. My Land Rover, which I've vowed to keep on the road until the end of the century, will finally be allowed to fall its MoT. Perhaps it will be the time to write a novel, start an autobiography, walk the Pennine Way or sail around the world. Or the time to fix that tap.

There will be such a stocktaking, a dusting and polishing and a reorganising of the bookcase as never was. John's will sell out of Pledge. There will be an end, at last, to procrastination.

Tomorrow is the day that never comes. But the end of a century does come and is coming. The world's biggest excuse is running out.

There will be a polishing and a dusting such as never was before

The leaked discussion paper is not "cranky" but proper, and reducing the State is possible

Our jolly Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, has yet again made a fool of himself over the admirable leaked Treasury memorandum. He dismissed it as the work of "kids in the office". All my lifetime, the Treasury has had an inverted pyramid of brains, with bright young people, who have some real understanding of economics, in relatively junior official ranks, and the shrewd old pols, who did not know where the decimal point should go, occupying the grand offices of state. The characteristic relationship occurred in the 1960s, when Peter Jay was a "kid in the office", and his father-in-law, Jim Callaghan, who always felt ashamed that he was not a Labour intellectual (as if that would have done him any good), was Chancellor of the Exchequer. Kenneth Clarke should not have forgotten the Treasury rule that it is "the kids in the office" who actually know what they are talking about. No doubt Helen Goodman, who led the memorandum team, is very bright; at 37 she is not so very young.

In truth, the leaked memorandum is reassuring, not because it will be right in all its policy predictions — how could it be? — but because it shows there are some people in the Treasury thinking about Britain's future. We know that the Chancellor is not. He never says anything which suggests that his process of cerebration was not shut down in 1986 like Chernobyl. David Heathcoat-Amory has been doing some thinking, and seems to have concluded that the single currency policy makes no sense. Now that he is going, it is good that there are Treasury officials, likely still to be there when Gordon Brown becomes Chancellor, who have seen how different the future is going to be and how soon it is going to arrive.

The current phase of the world's economic future started some years

ago; perhaps the best date for it is 1981. From that year onwards, two economic developments accelerated as mass movement. One was the growth of computing power, the other was the advance of the big Asian economies, particularly China. Neither of these phenomena was wholly new. The computer was already present in most offices, and Japan had already shown what the Asian economic revolution could do. But the old structures had changed very little: the United States, Europe, the Soviet Union; bureaucratic big businesses with many tiers of management; the European-style welfare state; Nato, the Warsaw Pact — these were the permanent institutions of the old world. In them lay power.

The Treasury memorandum looks forward to the world as it may be in the period from 2005 to 2015, only a few years hence. In 2015, the ranking of countries in their share of world output is expected to be China (1), the United States (2), Japan (3), India (4), Germany (5), Brazil (6), Indonesia (7), France (8), Thailand (9), United Kingdom (10), Mexico (11), South Korea (12), Italy (13), Russia (14). China's output will be as large as that of the United States and Japan put together. Germany will have less than 5 per cent of world output, and that will be falling.

There are two views about the best response to this rapid change. One view, which the European Union has so far accepted, is that big govern-

ment, in particular big European government, can protect the people of Europe from radical economic and technological changes. That is the majority view of the European political class. The Clinton Administration in Washington thinks in the same way. Not surprisingly, some politicians have not yet reached a clear judgment. In British politics, Chris Patten, the governor of Hong Kong, wants to endorse Hong Kong competitive values for Britain, while taking Britain to the "heart of

cuts in the Bundesrat, the upper house. Looking back, the Maastricht treaty can be seen as a folly of triumphalism thrown up by the collapse of the Soviet Union, which was in fact a symptom of Europe's decline. Europe's failure of competitiveness is not going to be corrected by making the conditions which caused it even worse. The present Europeanist policy is not just wrong, it is totally absurd.

William Rees-Mogg

Europe, which is a very anti-Hong Kong place to be. Sir James Goldsmith wants the opposite; he believes in European protectionism, but not in a single European government. Both men stand like lamplings in a lake with one foot in the trunk and the other in mid-air.

The big Europe policy is already doomed. Both the German and French governments are desperately trying to reduce the burden of government. They are running into difficulties, including the French strikes of last Christmas and last Friday's defeat of the German budget

The alternative policy is to cut back the burden of the State to competitive levels, from the 40-50 per cent common in Europe, to the 30 per cent of Japan or, ideally, to the 20 per cent of Hong Kong. Of course the Treasury ought to be examining the feasibility of the smaller-State. Any future British government, Conservative or Labour, is going to have to do so. The great failure of the present Government is to have allowed the State to grow since John Major became Prime Minister.

The Treasury document correctly observes that a balanced budget is an entirely possible objective for Britain in the medium term. Given the loss of control of public borrowing, we need to restore that balance. The arithmetic is not all that frightening. Britain has a well established, if unsatisfactory, growth rate of 2 per cent, which means that output in 2005 will be about 122 per cent of 1995's, rising to nearly 150 per cent in

2015. If government expenditure is only contained so that it rises half as fast as national output, it will fall from the present level of about 42 per cent of GDP to 38 per cent in 2005 and to 34 per cent in 2015. If it were prevented from rising at all in real terms, it would fall to 35 per cent in 2005 and to 28 per cent in 2015. That would reduce national costs and lead to an increase in savings and investment: the United Kingdom would become more competitive, and the growth rate itself would tend to rise.

The Treasury team sees the privatisation of the welfare state, which now costs £90 billion a year, as a necessary condition of reducing the cost of the State. As economic growth makes people richer, they can provide better for their own future needs than the State can. When early industrial Britain was still poor, the poor law was the safety net; it was all that society could afford. As Britain became richer, we thought we could afford the welfare state, but at a cost to our competitiveness.

As Britain in the future becomes richer still — and British output per head will be about 50 per cent higher in 2015 than it is now — the need for universal welfare provision will decline. People will prefer to save for their own future needs, as they already do in Singapore or Hong Kong. The safety net is all they will still want from the State.

Even at our present 2 per cent growth rate, Britain's output, on a 1995 base, will rise from 150 in 2000 to 225 in 2035, to 335 in 2055 and to 500 in 2075. That is the trend line. Our existing welfare philosophy reflects the social conditions of the 1930s and 1940s, of the slump and the war. The Treasury has a duty to think about the smaller-State option for the future. When Kenneth Clarke says that is "cranky", he only shows that he is far too old-fashioned to be a modern Chancellor.

Discipline wins elections

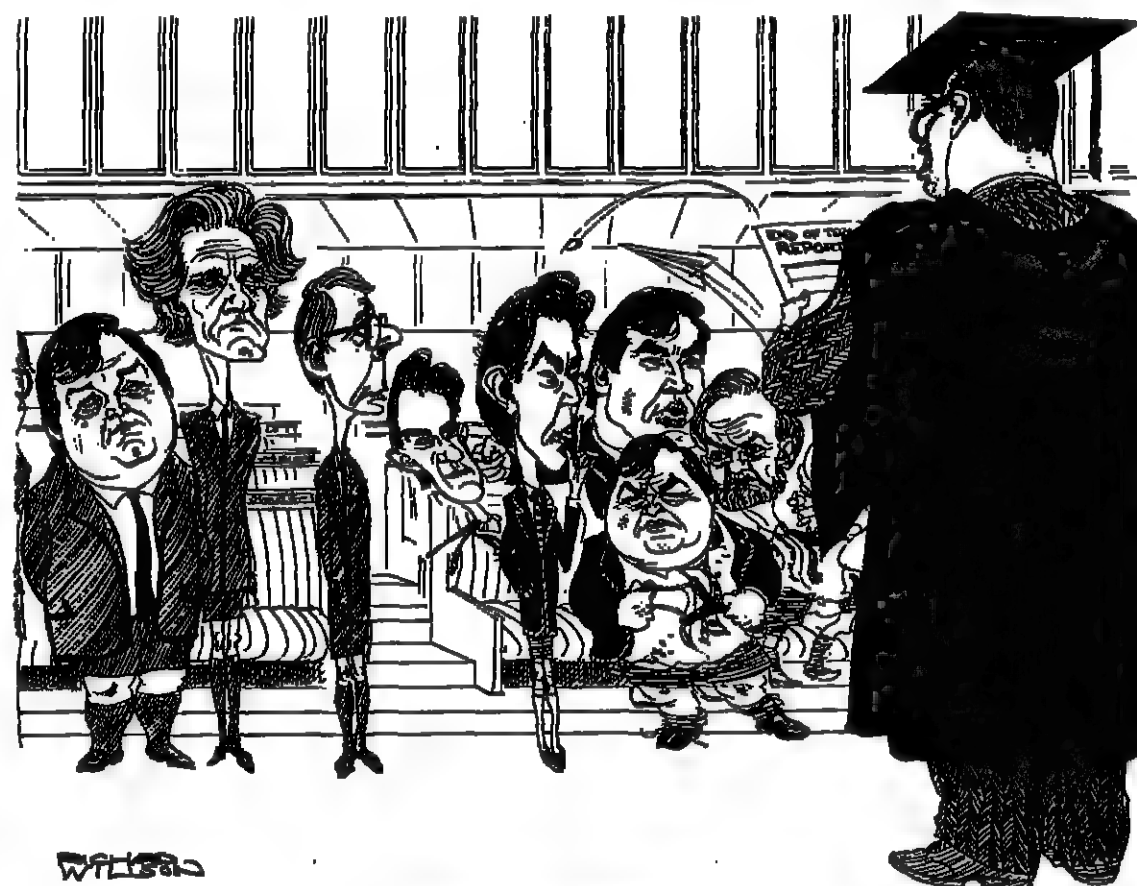
Peter Riddell
says Labour has
to keep on
behaving like
a Government

The next election will be won by the party which looks and behaves more like a government than an opposition. This is not the same as which party is in office. The Tories have often looked more like an opposition in recent years, while Tony Blair has made Labour at least resemble a potential government. The present pre-recess upheavals in both parties largely reflect the conflict between these two tendencies.

A key influence on votes is whether people regard a party as united and capable of governing, or split and constantly infighting. Does a party show the self-discipline, coherence and sense of direction which people expect of a government? Or does it display the self-indulgence, lack of cohesion and ideological zealotry which voters associate with opposition?

During the 1980s, there was no real choice. Neil Kinnock knew what was wrong and did much to change Labour. But he was a transitional figure — a Labour version of Mikhail Gorbachev — and never appeared a credible prime minister. Then John Major managed — the main achievement of his premiership — to reunite the Tories after the fall of Margaret Thatcher, and to present them anew as a party of government during the 1992 election.

That changed in September 1992. The paradox of Black Wednesday is that while sterling's exit from the exchange-rate mechanism boosted economic recovery, the political débacle and continuing civil war over Europe have undermined the Tories' claim to be a party of government. In face of such divisions, the only sensible course would have been to patch



up a compromise and focus on something else: economic recovery, the flawed "new" Labour — whatever. That is what Mr Major has tried to do with his manoeuvring between the pro-Europeans and the sceptics, and his promise of a referendum on a single currency. But it is not enough.

A sizeable minority of Tory MPs are preoccupied, even obsessed, with Europe — pressing the sceptic case regardless of the impact on party unity. No one disputes the sincerity of David Heathcoat-Amory's opposition to a European single currency, or his right to express his doubts from the backbenches. But to resign now will turn what should have been just a little-noticed shuffle of middle-ranking and junior ministers into several days of headlines about Tory splits. I do not believe that any likely Tory Government would enter a

RIDDELL ON MONDAY

single currency in the next Parliament, but to rule it out now risks a possibly fatal Cabinet split and the resignation of several ministers, including Kenneth Clarke. That is the mark of a party of opposition.

Many Tories have already written off the election and are preparing for later battles — although even the most anti-Major MPs are still fighting hard, not least for their own survival. John Redwood has been skillful at balancing loyal anti-Labourism and putting down post-election markers of the "if you'd only follow my advice you'd be all right" kind. This duality will be underlined at the party conference, where a split in the platform for unity against the threat of new Labour will

be matched by a beauty contest on the fringe, where leadership contenders will parade their charms in a coded way under titles such as "Forward to the Millennium".

By contrast, Labour appears more disciplined. Mr Blair has concentrated on presenting Labour as a credible alternative government, avoiding any policy or statement which could compromise that goal. And all but a few mavericks and hard-left MPs are willing to keep quiet at present.

These pressures will reach their bizarre climax in the Shadow Cabinet elections on Wednesday. In a compromise with his critics, Mr Blair is seeking an endorsement of the current team, with Jack Cunningham in place of the retiring Joan Lester. This has meant backing half a dozen members of the Shadow Cabinet who

are cool or hostile towards new Labour, and meanwhile a number of talented Blairites have been persuaded not to stand, in the cause of unity. So Mr Blair will be landed with a team he would not himself have chosen, and which is inferior in many ways to the Cabinet. This matters because an incoming Labour prime minister has to pick his first Cabinet from those previously elected to the Shadow Cabinet. Before the 1980s, only 12 members were elected, but now 19 are elected, removing any flexibility. If he wins, Mr Blair will probably bend the rules. But during the election Labour's case will not be presented by its best team, and this is a legacy of rule changes dictated by the pressures of opposition politics rather than government.

More serious, although less appreciated, is the persistence of ingrained opposition attitudes — a tendency to condemn everything ministers say and do. That is perhaps understandable given the length of time the party has been out of office. But it reduces Labour's credibility. Gordon Brown, one of Labour's most thoughtful and cautious leaders, made a mistake in immediately denouncing the Treasury strategy paper revealed in *The Times* last Wednesday. It made him appear more like an opposition politician than an aspiring Chancellor. Similar tensions have appeared over David Blunkett's appeal to the rail unions to end the strikes affecting the London Underground and go to arbitration. Several members of the Shadow Cabinet believe the party should stick to its traditional line of keeping out of union affairs, though they have at least mouthed support for collective responsibility.

At present, Labour is more successful than the Tories at hiding divisions and appearing as a party of government. One of the most striking changes shown by MORI polls is that the public's image of Tory and Labour party unity and division have been reversed since 1992. The Tories may still want to win, but for the moment Labour has shown greater determination and self-discipline.

Royal luck

MARTIN BASHIR, the journalist who brought the Princess of Wales to confession in the world's living rooms, is so disenchanted with the BBC that he is on the verge of quitting for a career in America. The architect of the corporation's biggest scoop in years is said to be close to despair at vicious backbiting that has frustrated his every move since the *Panorama* broadcast last year brought him international renown.

Bashir is giving serious consideration to lucrative offers from American networks after seeing his options knocked down in Britain. When *Panorama* returns in the autumn, it will be almost a year since he appeared. Last month, a plan for him to present *The One O'Clock News* was mysteriously dropped by BBC bosses, who offered a limp excuse about difficulties with staff rotas. This followed speculation that stories about Bashir creating false documents for use in a programme were part of a smear campaign by envious colleagues within the BBC.

Friends say his relations with some of the reporters are now so poor that he no longer works out of

the office. Occasionally he is to be seen borrowing a desk in other, more hospitable corners of Television Centre.

"Martin is in a mess, it has all gone wrong since the interview with Diana," says a colleague. "I would not be at all surprised to see him go. He got the biggest scoop of the decade and now he has to skulk about avoiding jealous colleagues."



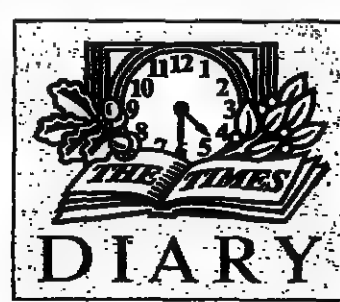
Suzanne Charlton says no more than 35 minutes of sun

● To commemorate the bicentenary of the death of Robert Burns, literary pilgrims descended on Burns Cottage, Alloway, yesterday. Organisers of a photoshoot had tracked down Robbie's great great great grandson, retired RAF Group Captain Richard Gowing, 56. Few poetic genes have survived the generations. "I have no strong interest in Burns and I couldn't tell you a line from any of his poems," he said cheerfully.

Right on track

POLITICS are casting a shadow over the running track in Sheffield where the Hallamshire Harriers, the athletics club which nurtured Sebastian Coe, is preparing to celebrate its centenary next month. Old Labour forces on the club committee are protesting at the decision to invite Coe, winner of two Olympic 1,500-metre gold medals and now a Tory MP, to be guest of honour at a lavish banquet to mark the occasion. There is talk of a boycott.

"Some of the members complained that Seb's politics are not the same as ours," says Malcolm Heap, the club secretary. "Sheffield is a left-wing city and a left-wing council, but politics shouldn't be dragged into it. He's coming because he's a legend. The hills of



Sheffield gave his legs the strength to triumph.

● With the future of Northern Ireland as gloomy as it has been for a long time, the Unionists are stepping up their cause in mainland Britain, with the formation of the Unionist Information Office. Its manager is Patricia Campbell, who, surprisingly, is a Roman Catholic. "The UIO is a broad church," explains its director, David Burnside.

Wheel life

LORD TEBBIT, famous for his "get on your bike" advice to those looking for work, has clearly decided that pedal power isn't so great after all. A cyclist had first-hand experience of this volte-face the other

day as he was riding out of the subway beneath Marble Arch towards Green Park. His mistake was to try to zip across a pedestrian-only area.

"This chap came towards me and barged me with his shoulder so that I toppled against a wall. He said: 'Good gracious! You nearly fell off your bicycle.' Then he walked off and I realised it was Tebbit," says the cyclist, now suitably contrite. "I was in the wrong. I was a few yards from the cycle path. But it was a bit of a surprise."

Toby, to be

NEWS to shatter female hearts across the country: Toby Stephens, the rugged young actor, son of Dame Maggie Smith and the late Sir Robert Stephens, is to marry. His bride, Alison Fogg, is a head-turning language graduate whose father, Nicholas, is a Shakespeare buff. Alison has developed a fair knowledge of the plays herself, as a result of courting one of the Royal Shakespeare Company's most promising talents. "I was always hanging around the Barbican. I saw his Coriolanus three times, as well as many others," she says.

No wedding date has been fixed, but the couple spent the weekend in Wiltshire at the Marlborough Fest-



Acting naturally: Alison Fogg and Toby Stephens

tival, the arts jamboree where they met exactly a year ago. Alison is well used to living with young men whose looks set female pulses racing: "Both my brothers are models you see."

● Jackie Stewart's house between Geneva and Lausanne will not lie

empty despite his decision to return to England after 28 years as a tax exile. The middle-aged, middle-of-the-road pop singer Phil Collins, leasing it with his 23-year-old Swiss girlfriend, Orlianne Cervey.

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TERROR IN TARRAGONA

Eta is a repugnant aberration in modern, democratic Spain

The Basque terrorist group Eta has struck at British tourists and Spaniards in Tarragona, eastern Spain. This is not the first time it has targeted innocent people. It will not be the last. At the height of Spain's tourist season, Eta is out to create a psychosis of fear, frightening tourists away and damaging the Spanish economy. Many British holiday-makers, the mainstay of Spain's tourist industry, will be deterred by the rise in Eta attacks; but regular visitors to the country know that even when Eta bombs are taken into account, Spain remains a generally safe and hospitable holiday destination.

It will be safer still once the threat of Eta has been eliminated. Like all organisations which resort to terror, Eta claims that its cause justifies extremism. The truth is that Eta no longer has a cause and the Basques themselves know it. Eta is the Basque-language acronym for "Land and Freedom", the two goals for which this armed group originally launched its terrorist war against the Spanish State. Yet in modern, democratic Spain, its nationalist pretensions are as absurd as its methods are outrageous.

The Basque people already have their land. The Basque people are already free.

Spanish politics today may have its flaws, but political or ethnic repression are not among them. The Basques enjoy a greater degree of autonomy than most other "peoples" in Europe. They have their own parliament and premier and powers to raise and spend taxes unmatched anywhere else in Europe except in the German *länder*. They even have their own police force, an understandable concession to a community brutally treated by the Guardia Civil in the time of General Franco. Their impenetrable language, Euskera, is imposed at great public expense throughout the regions

where Basques live, even though large sections of society learn it unwillingly.

Julio Caro Baroja, the noted Basque anthropologist, once wrote that "to be a liberal in the Basque country is to be a lunatic; it is like talking to yourself in the street". He would not recognise the place today. For it is the growth of a liberal consciousness among the Basques that best illustrates the distance the region has travelled since General Franco died.

Violence, once endorsed by many Basques, is now rejected by virtually everyone. With the new moderation in the ruling Popular Party — whose traditional opposition to autonomy is, sensibly, a thing of the past — an alliance has been forged between the Christian Democrat Basque Nationalist Party (PNV) and José María Aznar, the conservative Prime Minister. Basque voters now exercise unprecedented political leverage in Madrid, which has empowered them in novel ways and, at the same time, drawn them firmly into the national mainstream.

Eta is completely isolated and has been so for nearly a decade. Each time it resorts to terrorism, it reinforces the repugnance with which it is viewed. Unless it renounces violence altogether, and unconditionally, the Spanish Government will continue to push relentlessly for its destruction. Spain's neighbours have a duty to help. All members of the European Union should waste no more time in putting into effect the treaty on extraditions which was formulated at the recent summit in Florence. Let no Eta terrorist — or IRA member — qualify for sanctuary anywhere in Europe on the grounds that his crimes are "political". Eta has no basis. It stands not for land and freedom, but for tyranny and murder.

FIREFIGHTS AND FIREFLIES

Dissent in the party ranks hurts Major far more than Blair

An iron law dictates that every time the Prime Minister instructs his party to train all their guns on the Opposition, as he did last Friday, a shot rings out behind his back. It seems to work all the more infallibly when Mr Major is seconded by Sir Marcus Fox, the doughty chairman of the 1922 Committee who told MPs at the same meeting to take "a vow of silence" unless they had something to say that would help win the election.

This time, it was not a case of Mr Major being caught unawares; he knew when he spoke that David Heathcoat-Amory, the Paymaster-General, was contemplating resignation this week in order to oppose the Prime Minister's painfully constructed compromise on European monetary union. In itself, this would be no great disaster. Mr Heathcoat-Amory is an intelligent and principled man; his departure would be the first ministerial defection publicly linked to Tory divisions over Europe. But whether at the whips' office, as minister for Europe or at the Treasury, his career to date hardly marks him as a blazing Tory comet. On the Tory back benches, he could be expected to threaten nothing more disloyal than a well-argued Euro-sceptic pamphlet or two.

The timing, however, guarantees that instead of being the boringly routine affair that Mr Major had hoped, this week's minor reshuffle will occupy headlines that the Tories would much rather see devoted to sparring between the pro- and anti-Harman lobbies in Labour's Shadow Cabinet election. Even before the vacancy was confirmed, Mr Major was under pressure at the weekend to pick a successor from the Euro-sceptic wing of the party. Even if Mr Heathcoat-Amory goes quietly, supporters of the Redwood-Howard wing of the party will provide a deafening fanfare of trumpets.

For Mr Major, all this is the more irritating because, within weeks of the Conservatives uttering their "new Labour, new danger" battlecry, thin cracks have at last

appeared in Tony Blair's disciplined ranks. His Shadow Cabinet has been audibly unenthusiastic about his efforts, mindful of the exasperation of Londoners over the Tube strikes and the importance of London's votes for Labour, to secure union assent to binding arbitration. There is wider unrest over welfare reform. Diane Abbott's happy admission yesterday that the entire party will be ecstatic the day after a Labour victory but that "after that, it gets a little bit more interesting" is tailor-made for pre-election Tory broadcasts. Finally, there is Tory fun to be had at Gordon Brown's expense, now that it turns out that the main author of the Treasury paper whose contents *The Times* disclosed last week, and which the Shadow Chancellor denounced as a "stampede to the right", is Helen Goodman, who until she suddenly withdrew last Friday was hoping to be Labour's candidate for Barnsley.

The trouble, as Mr Major knows, is that Mr Blair will not only make light work of these July fireflies, but has shown that he can turn internal dissent to electoral advantage. Every quarrel reminds some people that "old Labour" still has deep roots; but to many more, it demonstrates how hard Mr Blair is driving the engine of reform.

Every fresh fracture in the Tory party, by contrast, helps Labour to present the Conservatives as so hopelessly split as to be incapable of governing. That tells particularly with the Tories' traditional middle-class supporters. With this crucial core of voters, it will not be enough for Mr Major to win the "don't let Labour ruin it" argument; they could still cost him the election by abstaining. This general election campaign has begun so early that all parties will have a tough time keeping their troops battle-ready. The party with the firmest profile will have the edge. On Europe, Mr Major is struggling to blur incompatible positions. It may seem to him the path of safety; but the path is so booby-trapped every step of the way.

EVERYMAN'S FEAST

Britain takes its annual Promenade through the world of music

Where would classical music in Britain be without the Proms? The 102nd season of Henry Wood Promenade Concerts opened last Friday at the Albert Hall with Haydn's *The Creation*. The sudden glory of God's handiwork, which this oratorio embodies to perfection, will be echoed throughout the series, with a special emphasis on Haydn, Stravinsky and Bruckner.

Creation and rebirth is the theme chosen by Nicholas Kenyon, who takes over from Sir John Drummond this year as Director of the Proms, to unite the 72 concerts which make up incomparably the greatest music festival on earth. Mr Kenyon has had his share of controversy as Controller of BBC Radio Three; but his selection of music and performers this year is as mainstream as it is original. The Proms must have room for the *avant garde* première as well as the warhorse; but Mr Kenyon is unlikely to provoke more conventional tastes as Sir John did by scheduling one of Harrison Birtwistle's less accessible pieces on the Last Night.

The Proms are nothing if not cosmopolitan. The Berlin Philharmonic, the Chicago Symphony, the New York Philharmonic, and the youthful Russian National Orchestra created recently for Mikhail Pletnev are among the visiting ensembles. The conductors include Sir Georg Solti, Bernard Haitink, Claudio Abbado, Daniel Barenboim, Kurt Masur, Mstislav Rostropovich

and Sir Simon Rattle; among the soloists are Alfred Brendel and Anne-Sophie Mutter. There are two concerts for children and young people, concerts of Indian music and jazz, semi-staged operas (*Don Carlos* from Covent Garden, *Lulu* from Glyndebourne), musicals (Weill's rare *The Silver Lake*) and ballet (*The Soldier's Tale*). Lovers of early music (Kenyon) will be treated to an "authentic" performance of Beethoven's *Leonore*, while the premières include works by Tippett, Henze and Maxwell Davies.

The British, of course, take this for granted. The Albert Hall can accommodate more than half a million people each year for the Proms, every concert is broadcast live on Radio Three, many are televised and the Last Night will be relayed to nearby Hyde Park. Indeed, promenaders who are willing to queue and do without seats can attend the entire season for £130 in the arena or £80 in the gallery. Although the sense of occasion is such that the standard of performance is especially high, the ethos of the Proms is inclusive, democratic and popular.

The Proms are still associated by some with waving flags and bellowing *Rule Britannia*. Nothing wrong with that, but James Naughtie, who this year replaces Richard Baker as presenter of the Last Night, should take the opportunity of this post-prandial orgy to remind the ignorant of the great feast of music which precedes it.

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'Fear and confusion' as Asylum Bill returns to Lords

From Rabbi Julia Neuberger

Sir, Lord Runcie and Lord Jakobovits are joining a group of peers tabling a new amendment to the Asylum and Immigration Bill on July 22, insisting that refugees be given a three-day period of grace to apply for asylum.

John McCarthy, the former Beirut hostage, has already written to peers describing his reaction, in the wake of his own experience, to the Bill and its implications: "It is incredible to me that a civilised, humane society can consider denying shelter and food at such a time to people who have already suffered greatly."

I served on the Glidewell panel in the spring, hearing asylum-seekers talking of leaving their countries in fear and confusion and arriving here, also in fear and confusion, and can only echo what McCarthy has said.

I am also the daughter of a refugee from Nazi Germany, who grew up with the fears of those who found asylum here still echoing around me, and their experiences have shaped my life to a significant extent.

Those of us who know — even at second hand — something of the mind of the refugee are praying that their lordships will be prepared to support this amendment, whatever their political persuasion.

If they do not, we run the danger, as a country, of causing needless suffering, destitution and death. If they do, we can hold up our heads proudly as a

humane society — and give genuine asylum-seekers a chance to receive support, recover from torture, and rebuild shattered lives.

Yours sincerely,
JULIA NEUBERGER,
36 Orlando Road, SW4,
July 19.

From Professor Lord Russell, FBA

Sir, Since Tony Blair offered proposals for the reform of the House of Lords, the Conservative Party has loudly praised the House for its ability to check the executive. When the Asylum and Immigration Bill returns to the Lords on July 22, that is what we will be attempting to do.

There is little enough check on the British executive. The story of withdrawal of benefits from asylum-seekers illustrates the limits of the courts' power to check the executive. Patronage ensures that the Government majority in the House of Commons does little to check the executive.

The House of Lords is a weak check, but it is the only one we have. If the check does not operate occasionally the House serves no useful purpose.

When the two Houses disagree agreement must be sought before the Bill in question can become law. What takes place therefore is a negotiating process.

The amendment to the Commons amendment to which the Lords will be asked to agree meets two of Peter Lil-

ley's objections to our original amendments. We await his response with interest.

Yours sincerely,
RUSSELL (Liberal Democrat
Social Security Spokesman),
House of Lords,
July 18.

From Mr John Tinney

Sir, The House of Lords is again to debate the amendment to the Asylum and Immigration Bill giving asylum-seekers three days' grace after their entry in which to make a claim.

All concerned appear to have overlooked the fact that since by definition the authorities cannot prove when an illegal entrant came into the country, anyone will be able to claim that they have entered within the last three days and so gain full benefits.

The lack of understanding of such rudimentary facts hinders the resolution of the problems besetting our chaotic asylum system. As those who know the truth are barred from speaking out, a short official inquiry, undertaken by a genuinely independent person, is needed to allow the debate to be conducted on a sound, factual basis.

Yours faithfully,
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Changes at Treasury

From Mr R. G. J. Winchester

Sir, As purveyors of negative thinking, the Treasury always takes first prize (leading articles, July 17, 18; Economic view, July 18). For years now it has peddled the myth that the UK can't do this or that on its own. It can't afford infrastructure projects, etc. It acts like a myopic tortoise — slow and lumbering, pulling its head in at the sight of danger and with no vision beyond its limited horizon.

The Treasury is a real threat to our future prosperity. Quite probably, it should be subsumed into the Department of Trade and Industry, which is where the real effort has to come from if we are to recover our position near the top of the league of industrialised nations.

Treasury influence on the City and investment in industry is legendary. Change how the Treasury thinks and the repercussions could benefit the whole economy. We need visionaries and technocrats to lead us into the next millennium, not Civil Service bean-counters.

Yours faithfully,
R. G. J. WINCHESTER,
The Old Schoolhouse,
Old Rayne, Aberdeenshire,
July 17.

From the General Director,
Institute of Economic Affairs

Sir, Your report, "US-style cuts in welfare under review" (July 17), points to the Chilean system of private insurance for all pension provision which was begun on May Day 1981.

Under such a private fully-funded scheme Chilean pensioners now enjoy incomes 50 to 100 per cent higher than they would have had under the old, unfunded state pay-as-you-go scheme. Consequently a more accurate headline would have been, "Treasury plans to double pensions".

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BLUNDELL,
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July 18.

From Mr Clive Bone

Sir, It would surely be better to employ the undoubted talent of HM Treasury officials to explore and resolve how to reverse Britain's relative economic and industrial decline rather than to accommodate it.

Yours sincerely,
CLIVE BONE,
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From Mr Robert Ashby

Sir, Does the choice of a medieval chart of the heavens as the cover design of the Treasury report on strategy for the start of the next century indicate that its forecasts, too, are based on superstition and errors equivalent to believing the Earth to be the centre of the solar system?

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT ASHBY
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July 17.

One of the lads?

From the Reverend John Ticehurst

Sir, Last night the Prime Minister described himself in an interview with ITN on *News at Ten*, as "a public servant".

Yet your paper yesterday had as its main story that public service pay was to be frozen yet again. What happens to the MPs' 26 per cent rise? Or are there public servants and public servants?

Yours in confusion,
JOHN TICEHURST,
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July 19.

Bold solutions for Northern Ireland

From Mr Winston Fletcher

Sir, Simon Jenkins ("Zulu lessons for Ulster", July 17) is right: the Government's policies in Ulster are in tatters and beyond repair.

Like many on this mainland, I am convinced that sooner or later Ulster will become part of Ireland. It cannot continue forever to be a running sore, as part of the UK, nor can it be a separate nation. To delegate to the six counties a modicum of local autonomy, as Jenkins suggests, would be far from sufficient.

The vital next step is for us to help those Ulstermen who refuse to live in a united Ireland to relocate on the mainland, and for the Irish Government to help those Ulster Catholics who are fearful of a Protestant backlash to relocate in the south. Quite simply, generous financial compensation must be offered to those who wish to leave.

Persuading people to move from place to place by offering financial incentives has a long and perfectly honourable history. It was the reason many ancestral Ulstermen moved there in the first place. It would be costly, short term, but cheap at the price.

And separating the combatants, one way or another, is what always happens in the end — as it did in India, Algeria, Cyprus, ex-Yugoslavia, and is now happening in Israel.

Strong leadership, generosity and unyielding resolution are required. Will any British government be bold enough?

Yours faithfully,
WINSTON FLETCHER,
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July 18.

Trips to the Bar

From Mrs Su Stone

Sir, The figures which you quote (report, July 16, earlier editions) on the cost to trainee barristers of travelling to London from regional universities, in order to eat their 18 qualifying dinners, are surely exaggerated.

You cite £198 as the price of a rail return from Newcastle to London plus an overnight stay. An Apex return from Newcastle booked two weeks in advance costs £28, booked one week in advance costs £40, and a full fare booked on the day of travel is £59, with a student entitled to a deduction with a Young Person's railcard which costs £13 for the year.

Bed and breakfast in a respectable hotel in central London can be booked for less than £40 per night.

Yours truly,
SU STONE,
5 Raymond Buildings,
Gray's Inn, WC1,
July 17.

Counting the years

From Mr Richard Need

Sir, The arithmetic which decrees the date of the millennium is so simple that I am puzzled as to why so many people produce such convoluted arguments (letters, June 27, July 2, 5, 10, 13) to try to establish that 20 centuries comprise only 1,999 years. It may be partly explained by the way we use our calendars and diaries.

A man does not celebrate his 100th birthday until the end of his 100th year; a batsman claims a century at the end of his 100th run; a car's odometer registers 2,000 at the end of the 2,000th mile. But we open our new diaries and calendars at the beginning of the new year.

So when we hang on the wall that calendar which says "January 2000" we must remember that there are still 12 months to go before we throw it away, dog-eared and scribbled on, at the end of the 2,000th year — by definition, the end of the millennium.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD NEED,
11 Hemingford Road, Cheadle, Surrey,
July 14.

From Mr L. A. Partridge

Sir, The first page of a book may be page 1, but the first of a series, such as the old-style railway tickets, was always 0.

Yours faithfully,
L. A. PARTRIDGE,
72 Eastfield Avenue, Bath,
July 10.

Gender and the language of God

From Canon Michael Perham

Sir, Your report today on the General Synod's debate on July 16 on the revision of Holy Communion Rites A and B gives an impression of a Church of England keener to go down the path of removing male pronouns about God than is the case.

In introducing the debate and the Liturgical Commission's report, I reminded the synod that for many years we have been committed to a policy of trying to remain in step with the international and ecumenical texts agreed with other English-speaking churches within and beyond our own country.

It is because those texts have been revised (in 1988), with some concern for gender-inclusive language, that we cannot avoid the issue. "Peace to God's People on Earth" instead of "his people", and "It is right to give our thanks and praise" instead of "give him thanks and praise", are both among these international texts.

Had we shared this enthusiasm for change, we would, for instance, have amended another text, one we do not share as a "common text" — that of the Blessing: "The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord."

The fact that we recommended no change at this point illustrates that the Commission's concern is not to change the language we use of God, but only to keep faith with our ecumenical partners.

We value our solidarity with Christians in other churches, but not at the expense of theological precision, as we see it; and the purpose of the synod debate was to test the mood before referring the proposals to a revision committee. There we shall discover whether the policy the Church of England has followed for some years can continue, or whether the inclusive language issue will force a change.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL PERHAM,
27 The Close, Norwich, Norfolk,
July 17.

From Mr Roger Coombs

Sir, You report today that "the Church of England is to remove references to God as male in its prayer book". Including the petition to "Our Father?"

To deny God's universal fatherhood, and therefore maleness, is to reject the teaching of Jesus. Will the Church really go that far in its surrender to feminism?

Yours faithfully,
ROGER COOMBS,
Spindles, Goudhurst, Kent,
July 17.

Post Office charges

From Mr Paul Eisler

Sir, As a result of the postal strikes no letter sent at first-class rate will arrive any faster than one sent at second-class rate, whilst one sent at second-class rate will presumably arrive slower still.

I suggest that the least the Post Office can do in compensation to its customers is to nominate a 24-hour period during which all letters will be charged at second-class rates and delivered as though they had been posted as first-class.

Yours sincerely,
PAUL EISLER,
6 Hogarth Hill, NW11,
July 18.

From Mr Raymond Durrant

Sir, As of today my local post office still has no leaflets setting out the recently increased postal charges.

The counter clerk was deeply apologetic and offered to give me the telephone number of the Royal Mail to see if I could hurry them up.

Yours faithfully,
RAYMOND DURRANT,
195 Marshalswick Lane,
St Albans, Hertfordshire,
July 19.

Pub names

From Mr Rodney Legg

Sir, Loss of historic inn names (letters, July 18, 20) is nothing new. Milborne Port, in south Somerset, currently offers the choice between the Queen's Head on one corner and the King's Head on another; but until 1817 or thereabouts the latter was known as "The Tippling Philosopher" — surely the best pub name in the land?

Yours sincerely,
RODNEY LEGG,
National School,
North Street, Wincanton, Somerset,
July 18.

Trade descriptions

From Flight Officer Mark Ashford

Sir, The assumption that the public expresses itself at "grass roots" level is well known. Today I learn ("The casualty criminals", Law, July 16) that certain beliefs are held by "coal face" junior doctors.

As an aviator I suppose my views would be somewhere near the "leading edge", or perhaps even "at the sharp end". I wonder how one might describe those of other professions?

Yours faithfully,
MARK ASHFORD,
79 Oliver Street,
Amphill, Bedfordshire,
July 16.

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OBITUARIES

GOTTFRIED VON EINEM

Gottfried von Einem, Austrian composer, died on July 12 aged 78. He was born on January 24, 1918.

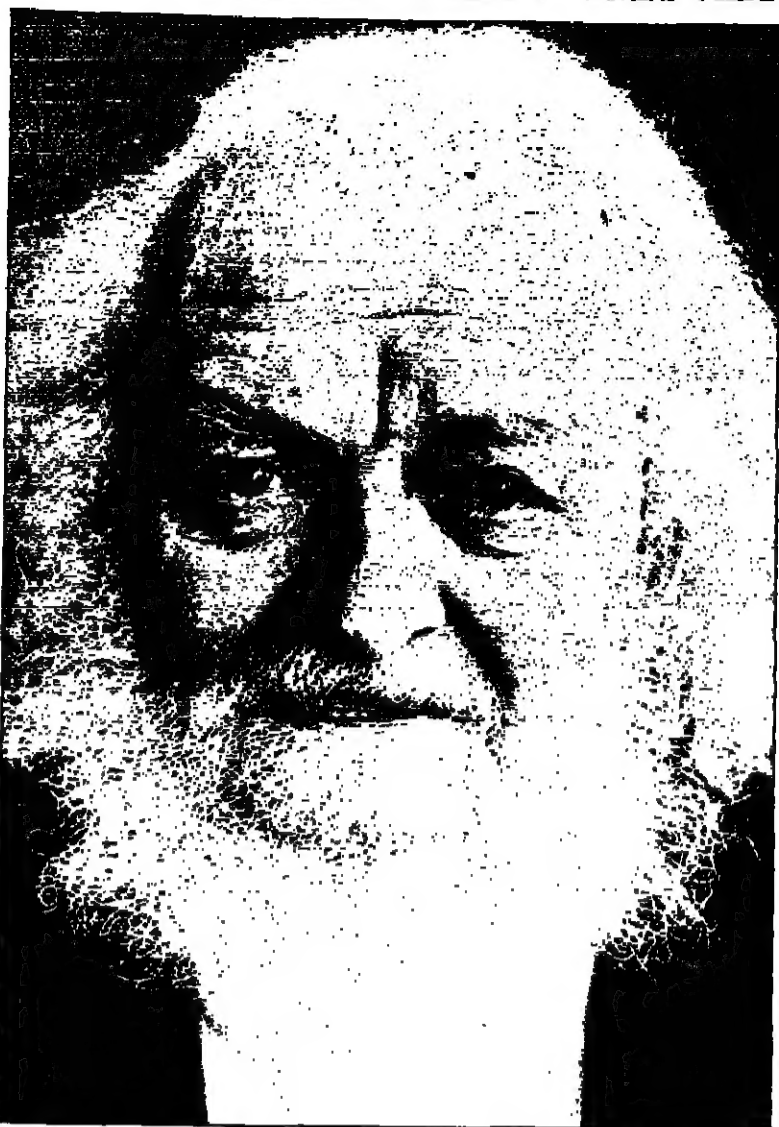
THE music of Gottfried von Einem spanned not only the better part of a century but also the better part of the century's European musical trends. He varied his compositional style according to the brief he set himself. His open-mindedness, his willingness to take as much from the rhythmic excitement of jazz and Stravinsky as from the Romantic current of Rachmaninov and Mahler — evident in the 1992 Vienna Philharmonic piece *Fractals* — were the trademarks of his work.

With its clear tonal centres and general approachability, his music risked the accusation of being conservative, reactionary and even anti-intellectual. But his work was marked by a sharp imagination, a desire to communicate, and a craftsmanship that kept it far above the humdrum. And with hindsight, future critics may well believe that his communicability and plurality, principles which Einem passed on to pupils, including H. K. Gruber, were the real marks of his greatness.

Born in Berne, where his father was an Austrian military attaché at the embassy, his schooling took place at an institution in Plön that had a reputation for its lively interest in contemporary music and, in particular, for its association with Paul Hindemith.

When he was a young man Einem paid visits to both Salzburg and Bayreuth. For a time in the late 1930s he studied languages in England. In 1938 he was appointed to the coaching staff of the Berlin State Opera, a significant attachment that marked the beginnings of a theatrical involvement he was never to lose. As yet, serious composition had not taken its hold, but that changed when he met Boris Blacher, one of many fine composers proscribed by the Nazis.

Einem went on to study with Blacher in Berlin, where he also established musical friendships with the broad church of composers that included Carl Orff and Werner Egk. Blacher's friendship later led to his writing many librettos for his former pupil. Both men had shown remarkable courage in the face of the Nazis. Einem personally helped many people to escape from Germany; his account of his treatment at the hands of the Gestapo's interrogators made harrowing reading.



The war years saw the premiere of his first significant work, the ballet *Princess Turandot*, performed in 1944 in Dresden, which led to his engagement as resident composer and music adviser for Dresden Staatsoper. Several more ballet scores followed, but it was in the operatic field, particularly with his two earliest operas, that he made his most telling marks.

Dantons Tod, written to a libretto by Blacher after Büchner's play, was the first, staged at the 1947 Salzburg Festival. It earned him an immediate international reputation and, within a year, a place on the board of the Salzburg Festival (this was the first of

many influential administrative posts that later included the directorship of the Vienna Festival). *Dantons Tod*, a large, chorus-oriented work, was the right opera at the right time, based on a historical subject, but one which had obvious resonances with post-Nazi Germany.

Einem's second opera, *Der Prozess*, set to another Blacher libretto and this time based on Kafka's *The Trial*, followed in 1953, and was also staged at Salzburg. Though equally pertinent, it was a very different work to *Dantons Tod*, conceived on a claustrophobically intimate scale. And arguably, with its expressionistic, neo-Bergian stance, it

is the work most obviously at variance with Einem's instrumental music, pieces like the *Philadelphia* and *Vienna Symphonies* (1960 and 1975), the *Concerto for Orchestra* (1943), and the *Piano Concerto* (1955), which all inhabit a fluent, neo-classical, post-Hindemithian sphere.

In the same year as the premiere of *Der Prozess*, Einem moved to Vienna, and subsequently his operas took a less severe turn. The third opera, *Der Zerrissene*, to another libretto by Blacher after Johann von Nestroy's farce — whose music was originally provided by Lerzing — is a brilliant, light-hearted, fast moving score, first produced in Hamburg in 1964. Seven years later, in 1971, Einem composed what is generally recognised to be his greatest operatic success, a version of Dürrenmatt's play *Der Besuch der alten Dame*, to Dürrenmatt's own libretto.

The work rapidly caught on, and in 1973 an English version was staged at Glyndebourne. The reviews were, on the whole, enthusiastic, although *The Times*'s William Mann remained relatively unimpressed. He disparagingly likened the music to the film scores of the 1940s. Even so *Der Besuch der alten Dame* has remained in the repertoire and New York City Opera has a new production of it scheduled for 1997.

Subsequently Einem's operas gained less enthusiastic responses. *Kabale und Liebe*, again written to a text by Blacher but this time co-authored with Lotte Ingrisch, Einem's second wife, skilfully contracted the 42 scenes of Schiller's original play to just nine. Yet the cost of this was that critical views in the end were that Einem had failed to capture the essential tension of his plot, a love affair destroyed by a conflict of class.

Jesu Hockzeit, performed in 1980, was the first opera for which Ingrisch provided the entire libretto. But it seemed deliberately gauged to court controversy. It featured a pop-singing Mary Magdalene posing the audience religious riddles and a particularly scandalous scene involving an erotic encounter between Jesus, as Life and Love, and the figure of Death. Einem's final two operas, *Prinz Chacalot* (1983) and *Tullfahrt* (1990), were also texts by Ingrisch, many of whose poems Einem set as songs.

As well as his second wife, Einem leaves a son by his first marriage. This son is Austria's Minister for Internal Affairs.

ABBOT LEO AVERY

Leo Avery, Abbot of Quarr, 1992-96, died of a brain tumour on July 4 aged 58. He was born on January 5, 1938.



ABBOT LEO AVERY combined a warmth and gentleness of character with a down-to-earth practicality and a contemplative and scholarly nature. As a member of the community at Quarr Abbey, in the Isle of Wight, he followed the Rule of St Benedict which brings together the purity of idealism and a practical wisdom. Through his knowledge of ancient Hebrew and Greek he acquired a deep understanding of the Old and the New Testaments and his spiritual counsel was greatly respected both by members of his community and by those who came to the abbey for private retreat. On the other hand, having come to the monastic life from a background in aeronautical engineering, he had a sound practical ability which he put to valuable use, not least when structural problems were found in the abbey church.

Quarr Abbey — whose name originates from the word "quarry" — was founded in 1132. The ruins of the original buildings now form part of the monastery's estate, but the abbey as it stands today was built in the early 20th century as a temporary home for the exiled French community of Solesmes. When they returned to France in 1922, a group of monks was left as a nucleus for what has now grown into a mainly English community. Today it comprises 20 monks, although, as in most religious orders, numbers are slowly dwindling.

Avery was the third Abbot of this community since 1937 when Quarr was raised to the status of an abbey. But his abbacy was lamentably short. His two predecessors served for 28 years apiece, while Abbot Leo Avery served for only four years before contracting the malignant tumour of the brain which killed him.

Leo Avery was born in Wakefield, the second of five children of a Roman Catholic family, but when he was still very young his family moved to Maidstone where his father worked in local government. He was educated at Maidstone Grammar School.

He loved flying and hoped to join the RAF but, not meeting the exacting physical standards required for a pilot,

he decided instead to study aeronautical engineering at the University of Southampton. His study was part of a Vickers-Armstrong apprenticeship and while there he worked on the design of the VC10.

It was during his time as a student that he first went on retreat to Quarr Abbey. He was strongly attracted to its contemplative atmosphere and after his graduation he decided to join the community as a postulant. He took his temporary vows after two years, and then three years later, in 1965, his final vows. In 1969 he was ordained as a priest.

In that same year he left to live in Rome where he studied at the Benedictine College of Sant'Anselmo. He also attended courses at the Pontifical Biblical Institute from which he graduated as a Licentiate in Sacred Scripture.

On his return to Quarr in 1973 one of his important tasks was the teaching of scripture to the young monks. He lived the daily life of a Benedictine monk, built around the framework of the Divine Office, prayer recited in the ancient Gregorian chant six times a day, beginning with Vigils at 5.30am and ending with Compline at 8.30pm. But he also proved himself of particular

use to his community on a practical level and, with his engineering training, was relied upon for the maintenance and repair of all kinds of equipment, both within the building and outside on the abbey farm. He was invaluable when it came to collecting, analysing and interpreting data concerned with structural problems in the monastery's church.

For some time he was responsible for financial administration and for the monastery's kitchens. He also served as Prior — principal assistant to the Abbot — for 12 years. In 1987 he was made guestmaster for five years, a post which necessitated caring for the retreatants who visited the abbey. Though Quarr has no school or parish attached to it, he made many friends among the people who live near by. He was increasingly in demand as a preacher.

In 1992 Dom Leo was elected by his community as Abbot. Weighty responsibilities came with this post, but it also provided him with the stimulus he needed to increase his powers of communication. He was much loved in his community for the gentle warmth of his nature. It was only in spring this year that he began to show signs of his final illness.

PROFESSOR NORMAN ALDRIDGE

Professor Norman Aldridge, OBE, biochemical toxicologist, died in Winchester, on June 30 aged 76. He was born in Nuneaton on November 22, 1919.

NORMAN ALDRIDGE was fascinated by the interaction of chemicals with living organisms. He rose from employment as a junior laboratory technician in a dye works at the age of 17 to become one of the world's most widely regarded toxicologists. His book *Mechanisms and Concepts in Toxicology*, published this year, is far removed from the descriptive compendia beloved by forensic and regulatory authorities. He believed that understanding how and why measured doses of chemicals exert their toxic effect was fundamental to safety planning as well as to an evaluation of the risks and benefits of using chemicals in industry, food preservation, agriculture or medicine.

Wilfred Norman Aldridge was drafted for wartime service to Porton Down where many of the finest medical researchers were applying themselves to practical problems of protection against chemical warfare agents. He proved himself a careful laboratory investigator studying out-of-hours to obtain a London University external degree in chemistry and physiology in 1946.

In that same year he was the first non-medical scientist recruited by Dr John Barnes, the director of the new Toxicology Unit of the Medical Research Council. The remit was to "do something" to help face health problems which might occur as the chemical industry burgeoned.



Aldridge gained a PhD in biochemistry in 1952 and continued with the unit at Carshalton, Surrey, until his retirement in 1975. By this time he had been head of the biochemical mechanisms section for 20 years and deputy director for ten. His abilities attracted several eminent scientists and research trainees to the laboratory, both from Britain and abroad. He gave his time generously in one-to-one discussions of experimental work, inspiring careful investigation and rigorous thought among his students.

The inter-play between practical problems and funda-

mental mechanisms of biochemistry was illustrated by the wide range of topics broached by Aldridge during his career. His ideas were sparked off by his own foresight of potential hazards, by reported observations of unexpected effects in routine screening by manufacturers, by inquiries from physicians and vets and, occasionally, by accidents.

One example was the poisoning of more than 100 people in the mid-1950s by an organic tin compound which had been substituted for the innocuous, but probably ineffective, tin oxide as a treat-

ment for boils. From that event research developed leading, over many years, to wider understanding of the processes of oxidative phosphorylation which generate and conserve body energy. Aldridge believed that toxic chemicals were the dissecting tools of the physiologist. During his career he contributed to the understanding of processes vital to the health of liver, lung, kidney and nervous system. His advice was sought increasingly by authorities worldwide. His input into immediate and long term responses to chemical accidents was calm, thoughtful and incisive.

Problems from contaminated cooking oils in Morocco (1959-60) and seed grain in Iraq (1975), the toxic oil epidemic in Spain (1981), the pesticide factory explosion in Bhopal, India (1986), and the inquiries into possible effects of Agent Orange in Vietnam all received close attention.

In 1975 Aldridge became director of a World Health Organisation collaborating laboratory. He was associated with the Toxicology Unit. Very soon a problem arose threatening attempts to foster alternative insecticides to DDT which were effective against malaria mosquitoes yet safe enough to be sprayed inside village huts.

Malathion had been a useful pest-control agent throughout the life of the original patent. However, by 1976, alternative formulations had been marketed. Some of these, when stored in hot, humid conditions in Pakistan, deteriorated and became so toxic that 2,700 spray-workers became ill and five died.

Aldridge showed that one decomposition product was

responsible for inhibiting human enzymes which would normally detoxify malathion if it penetrated the skin. It was then possible to monitor revised formulations which would restore malathion to a useful place in pest control.

Aldridge was founder chairman of the British Toxicology Society (1979-80) and secretary-general of the International Union of Toxicology (1983-86). He was appointed OBE in 1977 and honoured with several academic and professional awards in Europe, Asia and America.

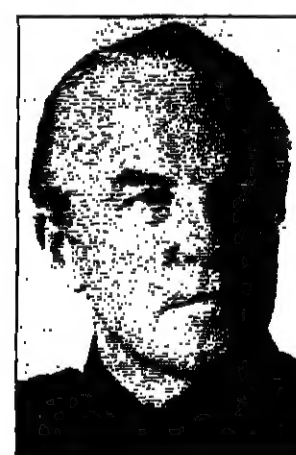
His ability led to visiting staff appointments in several universities, not only in Britain but also in America and Europe. He contributed greatly to the establishment of post-graduate teaching courses at the University of Surrey and at Trondheim University in Norway.

In his retirement, he was Professor of Biochemical Toxicology at Surrey and continued editorial work for international research journals. Aldridge persisted in lab work throughout his career and revelled in data which did not quite fit a current view. "Anomalous data leads to advances in understanding", was his favourite tenet. He enlisted group discussions by his friendly manner coupled with probing questions and suggestions as to how to disprove and discard facile explanations which obscured truer ones. The one word "why?" from him was known to halt many high-faloot presentations.

Aldridge and his wife of nearly 50 years, Kathleen, shared an enjoyment of gardening and travel. He is survived by her and by their son and two daughters.

TIMOTHY JONES

Timothy Jones, stockbroker, died of cancer on July 6 aged 64. He was born on July 15, 1931.



TIMOTHY JONES enjoyed a distinguished and successful city career. He joined the leading firm of stockbrokers Akroyd & Smithers in 1957 and, with typical loyalty, remained with them for almost thirty years. Most of his career was spent on the trading floor of the Stock Exchange where he specialised in Government Securities. In 1981 he was made joint chairman of his firm and five years later was one of the leading figures in successfully concluding a merger with S. G. Warburg, Rowe & Pitman and Mullens & Co. This was considered one of the most successful "big bang" mergers from which the S. G. Warburg Group was later formed.

Having done his national service in the Rifle Brigade, Timothy Jones was a graduate from St John's College, Cambridge, and joined the stockbrokers Buckmaster and Moore in 1954. Three years later he joined Akroyd & Smithers and in 1963 was made a partner. A skilled reader of markets he was a committed bear during the dramatic stockmarket setbacks of the 1970s. Akroyd &

Smithers was floated on the Stock Exchange in 1975, and in 1981 Jones was appointed joint chairman with Brian Peppiatt. He retired from the City in 1986.

Outside his work he devoted much of his time to East Sussex where he lived. He was appointed High Sheriff in 1987 and, during his year of office, directed his attention to a wide variety of causes, from spiritual and physical healing at Burswood to the National Trust. In 1992 he was made Vice Lord Lieutenant. Among many other positions, he was also a chairman of the trustees of Gynedebourne Estates and a trustee of Chichester Cathedral.

An appreciator of the finer things in life, he had a passion for wine. It was reputed that during his time as a stockbroker he would balance his book by taking on a stock of first growth clarets. Guests to his home would be treated to comparative tastings of the finest vintages and it is said that once, when a technical fault developed on a plane and he was forced to exit down the escape chute, he tied to safety with a bottle of vintage port still cradled in the horizontal position so that it would not spoil.

It was also Jones who, having met the wine producer Hubert Trimbach from Alsace, introduced him to a London distributor. Trimbach is now one of the most widely known Alsatian wines. In his spare time Jones was an enthusiastic gardener. When his first garden was destroyed by the 1987 hurricane which landed a neighbouring church spire in the middle of his beds, he and his wife, together with Rosemary Verrey with whom he had formed a firm friendship, worked to recreate another fine garden.

To relax Jones and his wife would visit Rome, a city for which they had a great love. Timothy Jones is survived by his wife Mary, whom he married in 1955, and by two daughters and a son.

The Academy's Officers for 1996-97 are Sir Keith Thomas, President; Professor P. Haggitt, Vice-President; Professor M.M. McGowan, Vice-President; Professor B.E. Sipple, Treasurer; Professor D.E. Luskcombe, Publications Secretary. The following were elected Fellows of the British Academy at the annual meeting on July 4:

Professor J.D. Auer (Essex University), history of art; Dr J. Bergin (Manchester University), history; Dr J.N. Butterfield (Cambridge University), philosophy; Professor J. Carey (Oxford University), literature; Professor N.L.D. Cartwright (LSE), philosophy; Dr A.D. Cliff (Cambridge University), geography; Professor J.F. Dunn (Institute of Psychiatry, University of London), developmental social psychology.

Professor R.H. Finnegan (Open University), social anthropology; Dr R. Foot (Oxford University), international relations and contemporary history; Professor H. Goldstein (Institute of Education, London University), educational statistics; Dr M.D. Goodman (Ox-

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ford University), Jewish studies; Dr I.R. Hodder (Cambridge University), archaeology; Professor C.C. Hodder (LSE), political studies; Professor A.G. Hopkins (Cambridge University), history; Dr J.R.L. Maddison (Oxford University), history; Professor W.D. Marsden-Wilson (Birkbeck College), political studies; Dr C.A.J. Prendergast (Cambridge University), French literature; Dr A. Pyman (Durham University), Russian literature; Professor N.G. Round (Sheffield University), Spanish literature; Professor P. Sims-Williams (University of Wales Aberystwyth), Celtic studies; Professor R. Sargent (University of East Anglia), economics; Professor J. Sutton (LSE), economics; Professor M.W. Thomas (University of Wales Swansea), literature; Dr D.J. Thompson

(Cambridge University), classics; Professor J.C. Wells (University College London), physics; Dr K.E. Wrightson (Cambridge University), history; Dr J. Wymer, archaeology.

The following were elected Senior Fellows of the British Academy: Professor D.K. Fieldhouse (formerly Cambridge University), history; Professor D.N. Mackenzie (formerly University of Göttingen), linguistics.

The following were elected Corresponding Fellows of the British Academy: Professor M. Bietak (Austria), archaeology; Professor R. Chartier (France), bibliography; Dr H.G. Fischer (USA), Egyptology; Professor J.G. Fleming (USA), law; Professor E. Foner (USA), history; Professor J. Gernet (France), sinology; Professor C. Habicht (USA), classics; Professor Dr B. Heine (Germany), linguistics; Professor S. Hoffmann (USA), international relations; Professor R. Horton (Nigeria), social anthropology;

Professor R. Koselleck (Germany), history; Professor L. Ledderose (Germany), history of art; Professor J. Neuhäuser (The Netherlands), comparative literature; Professor D.C. North (USA), economics; Professor R. Nozick (USA), philosophy; Professor H. Wolfram (Austria), history.

The following medals and prizes were awarded: Burdett Medal for Biblical Study: Professor Dr Eduard Schweizer, Emeritus Professor of New Testament Studies, University of Zürich.

Derek Allen Price (in numismatics); Dr J.P.C. Kent, FBA, formerly Keeper, Department of Coins and Medals, British Museum. Rose Mary Crawshaw Prize: (1) Dr Kate Flint, Linacre College, Oxford, for *The Woman Reader 1830-1914* (OUP, 1993); (2) Dr Ruth Smith, Cambridge University Careers Service, for *Handels Orationaries and Eighteenth Century Thought* (CUP, 1995). Serena Medal for Italian Studies: Professor Giovanni Aguielochia, Department of Italian, University College London.

Napoleon Surrenders.

(From the *Moniteur*)

PARIS, July 17.

Measures had been taken to prevent the escape of Napoleon Buonaparte; it will be seen by the following extract of a letter from the Minister of the Marine, that the result has been such as there was reason to expect.

Rochefort, July 15, ten o'clock at night. To execute the orders of your Excellency, I embarked in my boat, accompanied by Baron Richard, Prefect of Charente-Inférieure. The reports from the Roads, of the 14th, had not yet reached me: I was informed by Captain Philibert, commander of the *Amphiprite* frigate, that Buonaparte had embarked on board the brig *Epervier*, armed as a flag of truce, determined to surrender himself to the English cruisers.

In fact, at break of day we saw him manoeuvre to approach the English ship *Bellerophon*, commanded by Captain Maitland, who seeing that Buonaparte was coming towards him, mounted a white flag at the main-mast. Buonaparte was received on board the English vessel, as also the persons in his suite: the officer whom I left in observation had informed me of this important news,

ON THIS DAY

July 22, 1815

On June 22 the Emperor abdicated; he retreated to Rochefort from where he hoped to escape to America; but the English blockade prevented his flight, and when the French gave him 24 hours to leave the country he had no alternative but to surrender to the British.

When General Beker, who arrived a few moments afterwards, confirmed it to me. (Signed) Bonneloup. Captain of a vessel, Maritime Prefect. (From the *Gazette de France*.)

Letters from Rochefort, dated the 12th, transmit to us the following details, which we have every reason to credit.

Since the early part of the month, eleven English ships have been blockading the port of Rochefort so closely that it would be difficult for even the smallest vessel to escape them. In order himself to reconnoitre the dispositions made by the English squadron, Napoleon, on

the 8th, went on board the *Saale*, one of the two frigates which were to convey him to North America. Next day he sent General Bertrand in a boat on board the English Admiral's ship, for the purpose of asking from the Commandant a free passage for his two frigates; but the latter replied, that he would immediately attack these two vessels as soon as they should endeavour to get out. He added, however, that if Napoleon chose to come on board him, he would receive him with every attention; would answer for his person; would convey him to England; and did not doubt that the British Government would then cause him to be conveyed wherever he (Napoleon) should testify a wish to go.

Though this answer did not appear to square with the plans of the Emperor, he immediately declared that he should prefer before every thing else throwing himself on the honour of the English; that besides, he did not wish to risk the lives of the crew of the two frigates. Shortly after, with a few officers, he went off in a flag of truce, and went on board the Admiral's ship. Since then he has not been seen to return. We know only that the vessel was to set sail on the 12th; and accordingly it was no longer visible at daybreak this morning. Joseph Buonaparte had not left Rochefort on the morning of the 12th.

